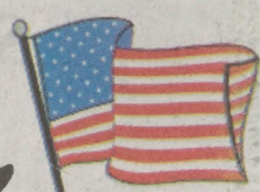


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▲ Dave Robertson and his supporters.

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## Democrat Robertson fends off challengers, will face Prinzivalli for state rep seat

By CASSIA BURNS  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON/TEWKSBURY — On Tuesday Sept. 4, voters across the state cast their votes in the Massachusetts State Primaries. At both the local level and state level, many close races

were concluded as the Democratic and Republican parties elected candidates to represent them in November's general election.

Within both Tewksbury and Wilmington, the race for the democratic candidate for State Representative of the 19th Middlesex District proved to be the most competitive, with five candidates.

David Robertson, the former aide to late Representative Jim Miceli, proved to be the winner, beating out runner-up Judy O'Connell by less than 100 votes. Robertson came in second in both towns; O'Connell carried the most votes in Wilmington, while

Tewksbury Selectmen Mark Kratman gained the most in Tewksbury. Robertson will face Republican candidate Pina Prinzivalli in the general election on Nov. 6.

In regards to the other state representative elections, pertaining to Precincts 3 and 3A in Tewksbury, which fall into the 18th Es-

sex District, and Precinct 3 in Wilmington, which falls into the 21st Middlesex District, the candidates are running unopposed. Jim Lyons (18th Essex) and Ken Gordon (21st Middlesex) will be on the ballot for the general election.

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## Wilmington superintendent gets back to school

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — With one week down, Wilmington students, staff, parents, and community members are just getting into the swing of the 2018-2019 school year. Wilmington teachers had their first day last Wednesday, and students joined in on the 29th for just two half days to finish the week. The new Superintendent of Schools is adjusting to his new role and excited to be working with people that he's heard so many great things about.

Dr. Glenn Brand, formerly the Superintendent of Acton-Boxborough, came on in July to get situated and to start

understanding what exactly he would be up against.

"[The summer months] generally involve a closing or wrapping up of the previous school year... then ramping up to prepare for the opening of schools," he shared.

His interest has been, and continues to be as students enter the school year, where are places that people in town find places of pride, excitement, challenges, or opportunities for improvement for him or for the school system.

Brand has been using his time to get ideas from the community about what folks are currently thinking, feeling, and wishing for about Wilmington Public Schools.

"Really the last couple of months has been a wonderful opportunity to connect with dozens of people, both those in the school system and those that live and/or serve in town," he said.

The ways that he's been doing this have been touring Wilmington facilities, meet-

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▲ A locked gate at Silver Lake beach

(photo: Bruce Hilliard.com)

## 19-year old drowns in Silver Lake in Wilmington

By LIZZY HILL  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Last Wednesday, a 19-year-old male was swimming with relatives in Silver Lake when he went under water and never came up. According to

a statement from Middlesex County District Attorney Marian Ryan, the incident occurred after 5 p.m. the same day that Wilmington students had their first day of school.

When Wilmington Police and Fire arrived on the

scene, they worked on locating the victim and figuring out what exactly had happened.

"The preliminary investigation suggests that good samaritans on the beach attempted to rescue him but were unsuccessful," the DA's

statement read.

The police and fire's first responders located the man and attempted to save his life before they transported him to a hospital.

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## Wilmington Library Notes

by Christina Stewart

### Sportsmanship and Civility on Thursday, Sept. 13

#### Upcoming Events

Registration begins 30 days prior to the event. Please register online using our Calendar of Events at [www.wilmlibrary.org](http://www.wilmlibrary.org) or by calling (978) 694-2099 (for Adult) or (978) 694-2098 (for Youth). Please note we request registration for programs that are marked \*RR. Please note that registration for Children's Programs begins two weeks prior to the event during the summer months.

#### Bill Littlefield on Sportsmanship \*RR

Thursday, September 13, 7 pm

You know the old adage "it isn't whether you win or lose, but how you play the game", in other words, good sportsmanship counts. Bill Littlefield, recently retired host of public radio's sports show Only a Game, will speak about the importance

of sportsmanship and its close kin civility. Bill will detail examples of good sportsmanship that he has witnessed throughout his over 25 years covering sports and of various forces in sports militating against good sportsmanship. A graduate of Yale University and the Harvard Graduate School of Education, Bill Littlefield taught English at Curry College for 39 years and served as writer-in-residence there.

#### Fiction Critique Group \*RR

Saturday, September 8, 9:15 am (will resume first Saturday meetings starting in October)

Love writing fiction? Whether you are drafting a short story or a novel, joining our Critique Group is a great opportunity to meet other writers and get construc-

tive feedback in a supportive environment. When registering, please provide your email address so you can receive an agenda and any prep materials before the meeting. Open to all experience levels writing in all genres. Led by local writing enthusiast, Barbara Alevras.

#### Using Social Media and Websites for Job Hunting \*RR

Monday, September 10, 10 am

Susu Wong, Principle and Chief Connector of Tomo360 an online marketing firm, will talk about using social media and the web for job hunting and for building a personal brand. In the online job market of today, knowing the ins and outs of social media and keeping your personal brand sharp is a must.

**NFL Anthem Protest and Free Speech \*RR**  
Tuesday, September 11, 7 pm  
Facilitator Keith West, debate coach at Boston Latin, will lead this first amendment discussion.

This is an opportunity to voice your opinion and to listen and learn from others. Background reading (article length) will be available at the main desk starting August 13 for those interested.

**How To — Make Your Home Energy Efficient**  
Wednesday, September 12  
Wilmington resident Bernie Lyons, who has developed and conducted various energy audit courses, will explain the basics of heating and cooling systems (and heat transfer) and how efficiency can be improved by simple consumer maintenance and the use of various insulation. Other money saving tips will be mentioned as well. Samples of items will be available.

**Empathic Meditation \*RR**  
Thursdays, September (6, 13, 20, & 27), 11 am  
Part of civility is being mindful of other people's thoughts and opinions as well as being kind to them no matter whether you agree or not. Meditation is a great way to work on that.

These four half hour sessions will focus on general practices of compassion and gratitude as well as the Buddhist practices of Metta and Tonglen. Led by Technology Librarian Brad McKenna. Drop in.

#### Kids & Teen Events

##### Drop-In Baby Times

Saturday, September 8, 9:30 am

Babies and their caregivers will enjoy this fun storytime that includes rhymes, songs, books, scarves, shakers, bubbles and more. Infants through 24 months

##### Pokémon Club

Saturday, September 8, 3 pm  
Join other Pokémon lovers to play the game, trade cards and have fun! Grades 1+

##### Minecraft Mondays \*RR

Monday, September 10, 3:45 pm

Come play Minecraft with other enthusiasts. Grades 1-5.

##### Farmer Minor and Daisy

Monday, September 10, 6:30 pm

Come meet Farmer Minor and Daisy the famous potbellied pig, and learn all about Daisy's adventures. After the show, meet Daisy and her friends, the pugs! Ages 3+

**Art Adventures: Create your own masterpiece in the style of Jackson Pollock \*RR**  
Tuesday, September 11, 3:45

Create your own masterpiece in the style of three celebrated artists and illustrators. We'll explore different forms of media and techniques to make one of a kind artwork for you to take home. Grades 1-5

#### Star Mag

Wednesday, September 12, 3:45 pm

Calling all kid writers and artists! Drop in to help create this magazine written by, for and about kids, and published by the library. Grades K-5

#### R.E.A.D. Middle Grade Book Club: Hello Universe

by Erin Estrada \*RR

Friday, September 14, 3:45 pm

Join us as we make kaleidoscopes and discuss Hello Universe, by Erin Entrada Kelley. The book tells the story of three very different sixth-graders and the bully who ultimately unites them. It is a suspenseful, quirky and heartwarming story. Bring a friend to this great discussion! Snacks provided. Grades 4-5

## School Committee approves second reading of homework policy

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington teachers of all grade levels will soon have a new set of guidelines for assigning homework to students.

At a School Committee meeting on Aug. 29, members of the committee discussed Policy IKB for a second time. The first reading took place on June 27, 2018. The committee ultimately approved the second reading, meaning that the new procedure is on track to be added to the School Committee policy manual.

The edited policy eliminates time limits as a benchmark for homework quantity, and removes the blanket suggestion that homework time should increase as the student progresses through the grades. It also adds in several references to current research on homework. This includes several mentions that homework should be "purposeful."

"Students should be able to complete homework assignments independently with

relatively high success rates," one line reads, "but they should still find the assignments challenging and purposeful." (School Committee File IKB).

In general, committee members were satisfied with the content of the policy as approved during the first reading.

"From my point of view I think we discussed it pretty comprehensively last time, I don't have any additional questions," said committee member Stephen Bjork. "I think it's pretty sound policy."

One issue brought up by both committee vice-chair Jennifer Bryson and committee member Jo Newhouse was ensuring that there would be a way to check on how the policy is being implemented at the end of the school year. One way this could be done, both suggested, would be to reconvene the subcommittee sometime in the spring.

"What we put together may not quite be perfect, but it would be nice to see how it's working or not working... at

the end, and if we need to make any tweaks to it," said Newhouse.

"What are we providing to teachers as we roll this out?" asked Bryson. "It hasn't been approved yet, so it obviously was not a part of opening day and early staff work, so this is going to be something now that's sort of an add-on... when homework will start, or has started."

Committee member David Ragsdale agreed with an accountability check. "A policy like this is general enough that implementation matters a lot," he said.

Superintendent Glenn Brand noted that changes to homework policy, in particular, have a sizeable impact on day-to-day classroom instruction.

"Even in the absence of the suggestion of keeping together the committee," he said, "it's certainly, I recognize, important that there, starting with the leadership team, is a very articulated path forward to ensure that it gets implemented and that we're monitoring its progress."

## School begins, albeit briefly, amid heat wave

By LIZZIE MCDERMOTT  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — New Superintendent Dr. Glenn Brand debriefed the School Committee on opening week at Wilmington's schools. This included his argument for dismissing students early due to extreme heat on Aug. 29 and 30.

Brand explained that he had been in touch with administrative leadership, school nurses, and Superintendent of Public Buildings George Hooper. According to Brand, the lack of air conditioning in the school buildings (a reality shared by many nearby districts) had led to extreme conditions in many classrooms. He cited recorded temperatures in the 90s and as high as 99 degrees.

"As a teacher, certainly I remember vividly, when

you bring into those rooms any age of students, that heat just doesn't have a chance to dissipate," said Brand, noting that attempts to ventilate the buildings by leaving windows open had done little.

"In checking in with the leadership team and in making that decision, it was trying to weigh what I felt was best for our student and staff well-being," he added, acknowledging that some instructional time was inevitably lost due to the decision.

Aside from the weather, Brand described a positive opening week for the schools. Faculty and staff convened at the high school on Aug. 27 for the school year's opening address and presentations from the Wilmington Education Foundation and the School Committee.

At the address, Mary Lou McDonough and Diane

Hill received the We're One Wilmington Award, thanks to their role in organizing the Special Olympics. Diane Ferguson, Sharon Tildsley, MaryBeth Smith, and Marilyn Gounaris were honored as members of the district's 30 Years Club. Brand highlighted the achievement as a symbol of longstanding commitment to the community, which he called a "theme" in town.

School officially opened to students on Aug. 28, and Brand described visiting schools throughout the district with other members of the central leadership team to greet students as they arrived. He said that despite some minor challenges, the day went well for students and staff.

"By all accounts," he said, "we got off to a terrific and smooth start."

## WCTV news and notes

By SHAUN NEVILLE  
WCTV Executive Director

Wilmington Community Television is excited to be starting the new school year with a new Youth Director, Marty McCue. This is a new full-time position at WCTV. And while Marty will oversee our entire youth operation, his primary focus will be at Wilmington High School, where we're looking to expand. With more than two decades of teaching experience, we think Marty is the perfect fit for the program.

"I'm very excited to have joined WCTV as its Youth Director," said McCue. "I really enjoy working with young people, so much so I taught Television Production at Salem, NH for 26 years!

Young people have unlimited potential, and the resources available at WCTV afford them tremendous opportunities to experience community television at its best!"

Marty started in mid-August, just as our summer youth programs were wrapping up. He and Youth Outreach Coordinator Kaileigh Bernardo are now setting up start dates for the youth programs that happen during the school year. Kids at Wilmington High School can mark down Friday, Sept. 7 as an important information meeting for Wildcat TV, WCTV's high school media program.

Marty will be meeting with interested kids right after school in our WHS Control Room (1-064, next to the LGI).

"Wildcat TV at Wilmington High School will allow interested students to come in after school to learn how to produce television programs and videos, and to see them run on WCTV," said McCue.

"They will learn proper camera, lighting, audio and editing techniques that will prepare them well if they have an interest in the media field, or if they just want to have fun! Those interested can even help broadcast Wildcat sports as a crew member or play-by-play announcer."

While we'd love to see graduates of our middle school program jump into the high school program, I'd also emphasize that you don't need prior experience. If you're someone who likes to CREATE, this program is for you. We'll be putting together short clips and longer productions. Bring your ideas! You can contact Marty at [mmccue@wctv.org](mailto:mmccue@wctv.org).

**New Programs:**  
These air on one of WCTV's 3 television stations (Public: Comcast 9/Verizon 37 - Government: Comcast 22/Verizon 38 - Education: Comcast 99/Verizon 39). You can also watch most of them at WCTV.org.

• **WHS Sports Preview:** Hear from captains of the fall sports teams about how the season ahead looks.

• **Ice Bucket Challenge:** Many of those kids also took

part in the Rotary's Ice Bucket Challenge. You can see highlights of the event below.

• **School Committee:** Watch the first meeting of the new school year.

• **Airgoz:** See the latest drone video from Jamie Boudreau over Silver Lake.

• **Mark's Musings:** Listen to the latest podcast from volunteer Mark Ryan.

• **Writers Next Door:** Mark was part of a great library event last week featuring local authors. Hear about their group and how they got involved.

**Upcoming Live:**

These air on WCTV's Government Channel: Comcast 22/Verizon 38.

• **Board of Selectmen:** Monday, Sept. 10 - 7 p.m.

• **Planning Board:** Tuesday, Sept. 11 - 7:30 p.m.

• **Board of Appeals:** Wednesday, Sept. 12 - 7 p.m.

• **School Committee:** Wednesday, Sept. 12 - 7 p.m.

(WCTV Education)

Check out WCTV.org for more information on when programs will be televised and how you can get involved at your community television station. Membership is free and there's no time commitment.

Produce a show, help in studio or cover a community event that you care about. We're here to make the process as simple as possible.

### It's Your Money by Todd Brisbois



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Taxpayers who give money or property to others may wonder about the federal gift tax and if it applies. Most gifts are not subject to the gift tax.

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2. **Gift-Splitting.** A taxpayer and their spouse can give up to \$30,000 to a third party without making that gift taxable. Taxpayers need to consider one-half of the gift as from them and one-half given by their spouse.

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## The scoop about poop

By MELANIE KAPLAN  
and KENDRA PATEL

Dog waste is an environmental pollutant. In 1991, it was labeled a nonpoint source pollutant by the Environmental Protection Agency (EPA), placing it in the same category as herbicides, insecticides, oil, grease, toxic chemicals and acid drainage from abandoned mines.

Cleaning up after your dog can be stinky, but it is your responsibility as a dog owner. Daily cleanup is also necessary for a healthy environment for you and your family.

Have you ever seen an old piece of dog poop? You have probably found the grass beneath it is all yellow. That is because your dog's waste is toxic. If you are one of those people who thinks that dog waste can act like a fertilizer, you are wrong. So why exactly is dog waste so toxic?

Because of a dog's mostly meat diet, their poop tends to be very acidic. This can poison your lawn if left unattended. Dog waste contains a countless amount of bacteria, viruses and parasites, including E.coli, Salmonella, Giardia, Leptospira, Parvo Virus, Roundworm Hookworm, Ringworm, and many more.

Dog waste is especially harmful when it rains. When rain washes over bacteria-infested dog poop and flows into the storm drains, that contaminated water is carried directly into local waterways, with no filtering or processing. This means the fecal water becomes part of the local lake or stream where you enjoy swimming and fishing! Studies indicate that 90 percent of fecal coliform bacteria, which measures water quality, is of non-human origin, mostly canine.

Dog poop that makes its way into waterways also has a detrimental effect on the local aquatic species. When pet waste is washed into lakes or streams, the waste decays, using up oxygen, and sometimes releasing ammonia. Low oxygen levels and ammonia, combined with warm temperatures, kill fish.

Also, dog waste contains nutrients that encourage weed and algae growth. Overly fertile water be-

comes cloudy and green. Surprisingly, two or three days worth of un-picked up poop from 100 dogs can cause a big enough spike in bacteria levels to necessitate the closing waterways within 20 miles to swimming and shell fishing.

Now that you know why it's important, you may be asking how can I safely dispose of my dog's waste? A whopping 40 percent of American dog owners don't pick up after their pup, and even some who do, don't properly dispose of it.

There are numerous ways to get rid of your dog's waste. The most basic and effective way is to use special pick up bags or reuse plastic grocery bags and dispose in the trash. This ensures your dog's waste ends up in landfills. Modern landfills have liners to ensure that waste doesn't seep out to contaminate local waters. Other options are flushing it down the toilet or hiring a professional poop removal company to come to your house.

Please DO NOT use your dog waste in compost or as fertilizer. Compost piles will not get hot enough to kill the bacteria. If used as fertilizer in a garden, the bacteria in your dog's poop could make your produce unsafe to eat.

Cleaning up after your dog might not be the easiest task but it is very important. This is why the Town of Tewksbury has installed a dog waste station this week. It is located at the Livingston Street Park Complex, near the lacrosse fields. Please show your support by using the new station to keep the community clean and safe from the dangers of dog waste. It's a pain to step in a pile of poop, but it's far worse to be swimming in it or drinking it.

Thank you!

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## RMLD holds online sale on Advanced Power Strip

READING — Reading Municipal Light Department (RMLD), in partnership with TrickleStar and Energy Federation, Inc., is pleased to offer its residential customers additional savings of \$5 off the TrickleStar 7-Outlet Advanced Power Strip (APS) available at RMLD's online store, <http://www.energyfederation.org/rmld>.

Regularly priced at \$16.95,

RMLD offers an instant rebate of 50 percent off through its online store for a price of \$8.48 (limit two per customer per year). From Sept. 5, 2018 to Sept. 19, 2018, the additional \$5 in savings will reduce the price of the TrickleStar 7-Outlet APS even further, to \$3.48.

Advanced power strips reduce electricity consumed by idle home entertainment and office equipment, known

as phantom or vampire load. There are several types of advanced power strips available and while each has different features, they all work by shutting off the power supply to devices that aren't in use, thereby reducing phantom load and helping customers save energy and money.

For more information on advanced power strips, visit

<https://www.energy.gov/energysaver/articles/choose-right-advanced-power-strip-you>.

RMLD's online store is limited to residential customers with a delivery address in one of RMLD's four service communities: Reading, North Reading, Wilmington and Lynnfield. Customers are required to provide their RMLD account number to complete an order.

## National Recovery and Substance Abuse Prevention Months

TEWKSBURY — September is National Recovery Month and October is National Substance Abuse Prevention Month across the country.

Substance abuse continues to grow, spreading misery and driving up the crime rate. Since January of 2018, Tewksbury Police Department has responded to more than 70 overdoses with six related fatalities compared to 98 with 14 related fatalities for the entirety of 2017.

As we dig deeper into the science of addiction, we have learned that mental health has a large impact on substance abuse. As a community, Tewksbury strives to find solutions for people and families affected by these devastating diseases.

The purple lights adorning the gazebo in the town common are meant to bring to light (no pun intended) the community's support and unity for people in recovery

as well as people struggling with substance use disorder and the Tewksbury Police Department is hoping this will raise awareness.

Start a conversation with someone you love today and help bring awareness to recovery and substance abuse.

More information about Tewksbury's Substance Use Prevention and Education Month activities (October 2018) is forthcoming and questions may be referred to

Maria Ruggiero, Program Director for the Substance Abuse Prevention Collaborative ([mruggiero@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:mruggiero@tewksbury-ma.gov) 978-851-7373 Ext. 352).

The Tewksbury Police Department urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to [tewks\\_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov).

## Happy 60th anniversary!



Fay and Frank McLaughlin were married on July 26, 1958 at the Immaculate Conception Church in Revere. They celebrated their 60th anniversary at Palmer's Restaurant and Tavern in Andover hosted by their children: Colleen and Doug Flynn, Glenn and Nancy McLaughlin, Lisa and Rob Robinson, and Sean McLaughlin. They are blessed with seven grandchildren: Christopher Flynn, Meghan Flynn, Joshua Robinson, Matthew Robinson, Brittney McLaughlin, Taylor McLaughlin, and Michael McLaughlin.

(Courtesy photo)

### History:

## Prize fight landed in the woods of Tewksbury

By LARZ F. NEILSON

A woodland spot in South Tewksbury was the setting for a late-night prize fight 121 years ago. More than 150 boxing fans made their way through the woods South Tewksbury for a late-night prize fight, 121 years ago.

The Massachusetts Supreme Judicial Court had ruled prize fighting illegal in 1876. The result of that ruling, however, was to move matches out of state or into the woods.

The story in the *Boston Globe* on June 2, 1897 did not specifically say that the match was illegal, but it gave no names. The assumption might be made that gambling was involved. The story was not written from the standpoint of covering a crime, however, but rather covering the sport.

The match was originally planned for Stoneham, then for Reading. But the promoters ran into a problem: How to promote the match without tipping off the police. The Tewksbury location was finally settled on the morning of the fight. Word was spread through the neighboring towns.

Parking was not a problem. Nobody had cars. So they came on a streetcar known as "Ol Betsy." The line came up from Woburn,

crossed the Burlington Avenue bridge, then proceeded through woods and swamps to Shawshen Avenue. The streetcar line continued to Billerica.

Fans were told to take the streetcar to the old Middlesex Canal aqueduct over the Shawshen River, at the Billerica town line. It was probably the most prominent landmark in town.

There they were given the password "aqueduct" to guides, who would escort them to the site of the match. The reporter said that they went through about a mile of dense woods. The spot was under a lantern hung from a branch in a large oak tree. That really gives no clue to the exact location. The date-line on the story, though, read Tewksbury.

It was nearly 11 p.m. when the pugilists, one white, the other black, entered the ring. There was no indication in the story whether gloves were used. Prior to 1892, all boxing was bare-knuckles.

Each boxer had a second. One was from Wakefield. The bottle holder and timekeeper were from Stoneham and Reading. The black man had a slight weight advantage. His second was from a nearby city, assisted by a man from Boston.

The referee was a man

from Winchester. The article said that his decisions were satisfactory.

The spectators expected the fight to go eight rounds. After the third round, however, the black man did not return to the ring. Although he showed much skill and evaded many blows, he took

a nasty hit to his right ear in the third round.

The \$50 prize went to the white man. No one knows how much the promoters made on the fight or how much was bet among the crowd. The spectators, though, were displeased at brevity of the fight.

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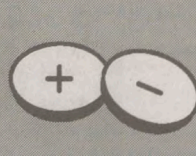
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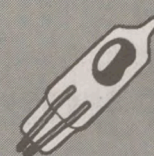
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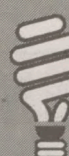
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## Letters to the editor

### Too much construction in Tewksbury, Wilmington

To the editor,  
I was driving near Helvetia Street recently. I had to stop my car to allow two beautiful deer to cross. It was then the reality of all of the construction in town struck me.

My family moved to the Wilmington/Tewksbury in the 80s to escape the city. Moving north offered a more country like setting with lots of trees. In the last 15 years Tewksbury and Wilmington have started to take on a congested city feel. When will those in places of power stop giving building permits and consider how all this construction and change will affect not only the people

who loved living in the country like towns of Wilmington and Tewksbury but more importantly how the building up of this town is driving the beautiful wildlife away.

Who exactly is benefiting from the building up? I worry where will these deer and wild turkeys go? It is sad that people who grew up in this area will eventually move away because they too miss the old Tewksbury and Wilmington and no longer want to be subjected to the traffic that has rapidly increased since the 80s.

Concerned citizen,  
Genifa Kelley



(Matt Fronduto photo)

## Renovations at TMHS sure to impact student life

By MATT FRONDUTO

Well, folks, it seems the new school year is not only upon us, but already in full swing. And while, of course, there will always be turnover within the student body and the teaching staff, a new, far simpler kind of turnover is slowly creeping its way through the school, and it starts in arguably the heart of Tewksbury High — the library.

With the librarian of almost 20 years, Ms. Eldringhoff, on the way out the door, it was generally accepted that the library's vibe would never again be the same, but what nobody was expecting was a massive overhaul of the library's desktop computers,

as well as a brand new look for the library as a whole. A much sleeker look will engulf the entire room, especially when contrasted with the somewhat antiquated look of dozens of dusty desktop computers soaking in their own uselessness.

That said, not all students are thrilled about the change.

Said one student, "I really just don't get why they had to take them out. Like what's the point? How are we going to print papers?"

While this student does raise a solid point — the old method has worked for so long, why switch it up now? And the answer, frankly, is a simple one: with computer technology

having advanced light years in the past few years, turnover in that department was to be expected sooner or later, but the immediacy of it still seemed to catch plenty of students off guard.

After all, it is not as if there won't be replacements, as there will be dozens of Google Chromebook Laptop Tablets readily available to meet students' needs, including printing papers and other such tasks that couldn't be completed at home.

Another major change in the high school's physical landscape comes at the expense of the former computer lab in A312, which has now been converted to the new home of History

Department head Brian Aylward.

The desks, which formerly were long tables about 2-3 meters in length, have now been diced up into several smaller sections, creating a few dozen trapezoidal desks, which, despite taking some adjusting, are actually quite comfortable.

The lesson to take away from these changes, if there is one at all, is that change is not inherently a net negative. It has potential to be great, but also potential to flop horribly. Tewksbury High's administration seems confident in the adjustments they have made, but only time will tell how beneficial — or even necessary — these changes will be.

## Town earns insurance premium credits through MIIA rewards program

WILMINGTON — The Town of Wilmington has received a \$52,798 credit to its workers compensation and property casualty insurance costs for Fiscal Year 2019 thanks to an incentive program offered by the Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA), its insurance provider.

The town earned the credits through proactive and voluntary participation in loss prevention and risk management activities throughout the year, conducted in partnership with MIIA. In fiscal year 2018, which concluded on June 30, MIIA awarded over \$3.5 million of premium credits collectively to its membership of the Rewards program, which has resulted in a 16-year total of \$32.7 million dollars.

Committed to keeping the community safer and fiscally stronger, Wilmington implemented loss control and safety measures as well as administrative procedures that reduce the risk of accidents and property damage. In addition, local employees participated in training programs that promote effective management and safe operations.

MIIA offers these no-cost programs as a benefit to help member communities reduce their risks as well as insurance premiums.

According to Assistant Town Manager Denise Casey, "due to the efforts of the town's safety committee, led by Jamie Ma-

galdi, Operations Manager in DPW, and comprised of managers representing all town and school departments, the town remains committed to implementing and following best safety practices across the organization."

Stanley Corcoran, Executive Vice President of MIIA said, "Wilmington has worked very hard over the past year to promote safety in the workplace and mitigate risk. As a result, they have helped lower their own insurance costs and earn these Rewards funds. We commend Wilmington for its efforts. We also look forward to continuing to work in partnership with local leaders to ensure employees are well trained and prepared, to help avoid unnecessary risks and losses, and to help save local taxpayer dollars."

The Massachusetts Interlocal Insurance Association (MIIA) is the non-profit insurance arm of the Massachusetts Municipal Association. As a member-based organization, MIIA's only focus is to provide excellent service and quality risk management solutions to Massachusetts municipalities and related public entities. Municipal insurance is its only business, MIIA insures nearly 400 cities, towns, and other public entities in Massachusetts.

For more information, visit [www.emia.org](http://www.emia.org) and [www.mma.org](http://www.mma.org).

## Hot weather and school cancellations bring memories

By Paul J. Andrews

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Mass. Ass'n. of School Superintendents  
Chairman of the Board of Winchester Hospital

As the world has changed, so has that of local school superintendents and other school officials. I remember the days when schools were cancelled in my early years in school but they were few. The alert system was the sound of the fire station siren or the local factory giving out the public notice that "schools were cancelled." Students went back to sleep and got up at their usual weekend time, had breakfast and played inside or out until called for lunch or dinner (supper in many communities) as nightfall came and preparations were made for the following day of school.

### Cultural changes

As the world changed, families that existed before became different, as the economy played a major role in the need for both parents to find a part or full-time job. This altered the home environment, as well as the need to make sure children at home had someone to "take care of them" as the saying goes. That could have been a neighbor, grandparent, aunt or friend. With that change, superintendents had to look at the necessary impact on schools and parents to decide how to handle the issue of cancelled school days.

In the early days, you either had school or classes were cancelled, which was simpler but that changed as well with state laws, calling for 180 days of school required, so the so-called half-day became an answer for some

districts. Students were released at noon, giving the afternoon time over to meet another state legal requirement for professional development of all educators to meet the mandatory licensure standards, mandated by the Department of Education, as well as updating them on new curriculum skills and programs.

### Another change

Not long after the half-day issue, as implemented by school superintendents, came a few districts implementing a "delayed opening" so on the radio (right, more radio than television) in the early days folks listened for their community to be announced in terms of whether students had a school cancellation day or a "90-minute delay and no morning kindergarten" so they could plan accordingly.

### Changes raised home issues

Families had to adjust to make sure the school attending children had a safe home during these changeable school times with someone watching them, if both parents had to work, which became increasingly essential for added financial resources to meet the cost of living. The culture of many communities changed with many students coming into the schools needing language instruction in their native language as well as English, as communities adjusted to a new world, very different from their parents.

### Adjusted school communications

The siren system of communication following the superintendent's call in this

process soon changed to a roll of the television listing of school districts that were cancelling or delaying schools to allow for home planning for students, not to mention eager students hoping they had more time to complete school assignments or for some more time to work at a job. Meanwhile, not long after computers became popular, each home was notified of a school cancellation via e-mail or reverse 911. With the heat this season, the districts that started before Labor Day had to use these communication devices, as the 95 degree temperatures were impossible for a non air-conditioned school.

JUST A NOTE — My thanks

for your time in reading this column but sure many of you remember the days I referenced. Let me add that the loss of Eddie Johnson this past week left so many memories of a real great person with a super sense of humor, great banking, woodworking skills and a fabulous legacy of the great Johnson family in the City of Woburn.

Also I want to note that we take great pleasure as Chris Shaw, son of Karen "Young" Shaw and her husband of Lexington was brought up to play this past weekend for the San Francisco Giants. Please feel free to e-mail me at [andrews@massupt.org](mailto:andrews@massupt.org) or you can follow me on twitter at #Paul-andrewsmass

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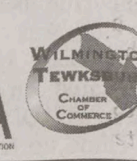
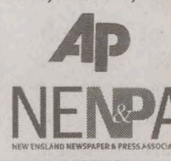
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## Wilmington Library partners with Career Place to offer job support

WILMINGTON — The Wilmington Memorial Library is proud to announce it is collaborating with The Career Place in Woburn to bring weekly job help meetings to the library. The library's Wilmington Networkers group has met for four years on a biweekly basis but now will meet every Monday at 10 a.m. with staff from The Career Place leading many of the sessions.

Anyone who is looking for work or is contemplating a job change is welcome to come. All meetings focus on an aspect of the job search process and usually feature a speaker or trainer.

### Upcoming meetings include:

- Sept. 10: Social Media and Websites for Job Hunting,
- Sept. 17: Ask a Career Counselor (come prepared with questions),

- Sept. 24: How to Develop a Professional Network. Please see the library's website for a listing of all fall events.

For questions, please email Assistant Library Director Charlotte Wood at [cwood@wilmlibrary.org](mailto:cwood@wilmlibrary.org).

The Career Place in Woburn is one of the many state career centers that helps individuals assess their skill levels and interests, find and

apply for jobs, or enter education and training programs. They offer employment workshops, computer skills workshops, onsite employment interviews, and job fairs.

In late September, The Career Place will change its name to The MassHire Metro North Career Center as part of a rebranding effort to bring unity to the Massachusetts Workforce Development System.

## Wilmington resident celebrates 15 years at Tufts Health Plan

WATERTOWN — Wilmington resident Diane Clifton was among 405 Tufts Health Plan employees recognized for their many years of service at the company. Clifton, a Technical Communication Team Lead, celebrates 15 years at the nationally-recognized local health insurer.

Clifton began as Project Manager, where she worked on system documentation for the organization's internal systems. In 2002, she transitioned to writing policies and procedures to support the HIPAA regulations and CMMI (Company-Wide Certification Effort) Level 3 Certifications as a Senior Technical Writer. Currently, she manages the documentation of web-based help systems and corporate agenda projects while providing oversight to the creation of new projects undertaken by Tufts Health Plan.

"I returned to Tufts Health Plan because I liked the culture and the emphasis on work life balance," said Clifton. "I am proud to be part of an organization that gives back so much to the community."

Tufts Health Plan is an award-winning company recognized for its commitment to employee wellness, diversity, and inclusion. For seven consecutive years, Tufts Health Plan has been named one of the Top Places to Work in Massachusetts in the annual employee-based survey by The Boston Globe.

In 2016, Tufts Health Plan made the Boston Business Journal's Healthiest Employers list. Tufts Health Plan also earned the highest

possible rating in the 2018 Corporate Equality Index, a national benchmarking survey and report on corporate policies and practices related to LGBTQ workplace equality, administered by the Human Rights Campaign Foundation.

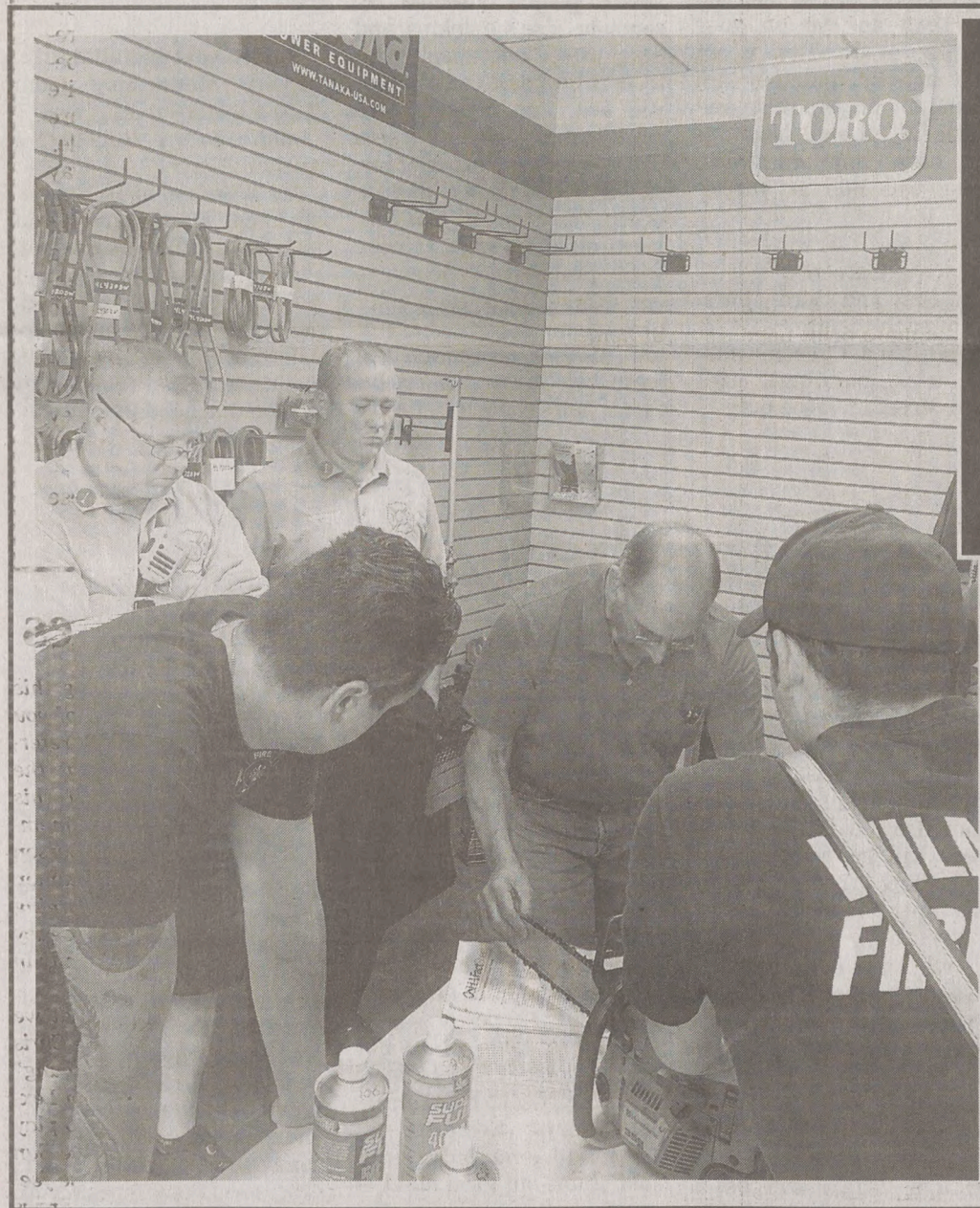
### About Tufts Health Plan

Tufts Health Plan is nationally recognized for its commitment to providing innovative, high-quality health care coverage. Staying true to the mission of improving the health and wellness of the diverse communities they serve, they touch the lives of more than 1.1 million members in Massachusetts, Rhode Island and New Hampshire through employer-sponsored plans; Medicare; Medicaid and Marketplace plans, offering health insurance coverage across the life span regardless of age or circumstance.

They are continually among the top health plans in the country based on quality and member satisfaction:

- Their private HMO and Massachusetts PPO plans are rated 5 out of 5 and their Massachusetts Medicaid plan is rated 4.5 out of 5 by the National Committee for Quality Assurance.
- Their Tufts Medicare Preferred HMO and Senior Care Options plans received a 5-star rating from the Centers for Medicare & Medicaid Services, the highest rating possible.

For more information visit us at [TuftsHealthPlan.com](http://TuftsHealthPlan.com). Connect with us on Facebook, Twitter, YouTube and LinkedIn.



## Never too old to learn something new

Wilmington Firefighters receive small engine training at C&J Equipment.

(Courtesy photo)

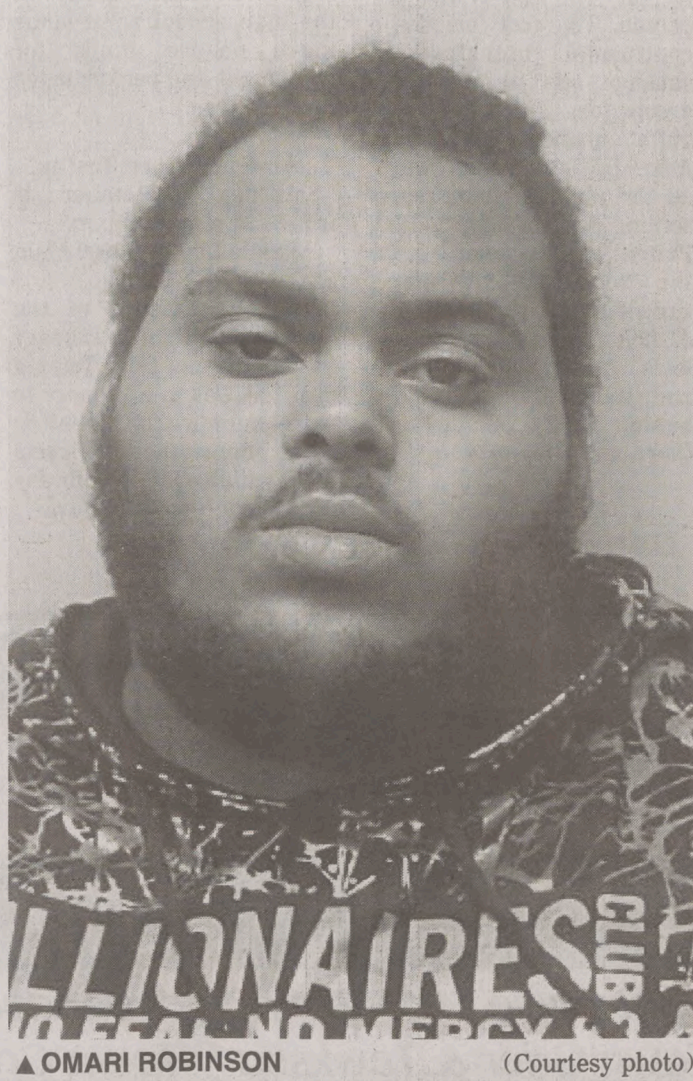
## Robinson arrested for distribution of cocaine

TEWKSBURY — On Sept. 3, 2018, the Tewksbury Police Department arrested Omari Robinson, 21, of 106 Concord St., Apt #3, Lowell for two counts of distribution of a class b substance, cocaine.

Detectives conducted an investigation into drug activity at the Motel 6 and were able to witness two separate drug transactions. Robinson was placed into custody shortly thereafter.

Robinson was due to be arraigned at Lowell District Court on Sept. 4, 2018.

The Tewksbury Police Department urges any citizens who suspect criminal activity to call the Dispatch Center at 978-851-7373. If you wish to remain anonymous please call the Tip Line at 978-851-0175 or send an email to [tewks\\_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov](mailto:tewks_detectives@tewksbury-ma.gov).



▲ OMARI ROBINSON

(Courtesy photo)



## Chamber Corner

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core. Wilmington, MA distinguishes herself with her personal attention and integrity to each real estate transaction. "The purchase of your home, whether it is the first one or the fourth is the one of the most important financial transactions of your life" states Beth. "I feel that I am an excellent leader in the real estate transaction. I excel at helping clients sift through the choices that they must make: location, amenities in the home, offer price and negotiation strategy. Additionally I have an excellent network of professionals that I can refer clients to in the legal field, loan acquisition and general contractors if necessary."

Beth is a 22 year resident of Tewksbury. Beth has sold hundreds of homes in the Merrimack Valley. Her proven track record of excellent communication and putting her clients needs foremost has secured Beth's reputation as an excellent agent.

Personal: A competitive ballroom dancer since 2009 Beth participated (and took the title one year) in "Dancing with the Realtors" which contributed to the local chapter of Habitat for Humanity. Beth also competes in local and regional professional competitions as well.

Education: B.S. Communication Studies - Emerson College

Beth was the 2017 recipient of the prestigious Remax Executive Club Award.

You can reach Beth direct on her cell at 617-543-6663.

This member profile is provided by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce. To have your business highlighted here contact Executive Director Nancy Vallee at 978-657-7211.

## Upcoming Chamber of Commerce Events:

### Business Bootcamp - Chamber 101

Date: Thursday, September 6  
Time: Noon - 1:30 pm  
Place: Chamber Office, Wilmington

### Speed Networking

Date: Thursday, September 13  
Time: 5:30 pm - 7:30 pm  
Place: Bayberry at Emerald Court, Tewksbury

### Wilmington's 14th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk

Date: September 23, 2018  
Time: 10:00 am - 2:00 pm  
Place: 10 Waltham St. (WCTV), Wilmington  
REGISTRATION OPEN @ [www.ChamberRace.racewire.com](http://www.ChamberRace.racewire.com)  
Please contact the Chamber for additional event details.



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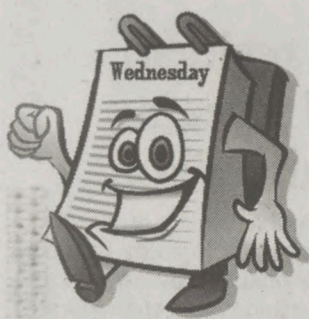
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## Wilmington Calendar:

### 9th annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic

**Harnden Tavern Tours**  
Thursdays and Fridays  
from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.  
Harnden Tavern, 430 Salem  
Street

The Wilmington Town Museum at the Harnden Tavern is open for tours this summer on Thursdays and Fridays from 10:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. On Fridays from noon to 2:00 p.m., pack a lunch and bring the family to the Tavern for a picnic. Relax and enjoy the grounds or play old fashioned outdoor games like cup and ball, hoop roll, hoop toss and many more! Tours of the Wilmington Town Museum are always free. From more information, visit the Museum's website at [wilmington-ma.gov/town-museum](http://wilmington-ma.gov/town-museum) or call the Museum at 978-658-5475.

**Wilmington Sons of Italy and WHS Band Parents Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser**

Saturday, September 8 from 8:00 a.m.-3:00 p.m.

Town Common parking lot next to the Fourth of July building

It is time to clean out your closets, garages, and attics and bring it all to the Annual Yard Sale Fundraiser for the Wilmington Sons of Italy and Wilmington High School Band Parents. The cost to rent a spot is \$20. The Sons of Italy and Band Parents will have music and a BBQ as well, with all proceeds supporting both groups. If you would like a spot, please contact John Romano, Sons of Italy President at [jromano45@gmail.com](mailto:jromano45@gmail.com).

Angels in Motion

Tuesdays from 9:30 a.m.-2:30 p.m.

Wilmington Knights of Columbus

Make Tuesday extra special, come to A.I.M. at the Knights of Columbus in Wilmington. A.I.M. is a great chance to meet new friends and reacquaint with old friends. Spend the day playing games or talking to people from different communities. Everyone is welcome retirees, home bound and handicapped. A hot lunch is served at noon. There is no fee and the K of C is handicap accessible.

**Santa's Ride**

Around the World

September 10 and 17  
Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 235 Park Street in North Reading

Love to sing? Join the Ipswich River Community Chorus for the upcoming season, Santa's Ride Around the World! No auditions! Previous experience with 4-part choral pieces is helpful, but not required. They offer practice CD's to help you learn the notes. Open rehearsals are September 10 and 17 at 7:00 p.m. Ongoing rehearsals will be held on Mondays 7:30 p.m.-9:30 p.m. For additional information, visit [IpswichRiverChorus.org](http://IpswichRiverChorus.org), email [info@northreadingchorale.org](mailto:info@northreadingchorale.org), or call Beth at 978-664-3275. Their members come from all over the north of Boston area, North Reading, Billerica, Methuen, Ipswich, Salem, Woburn, Wilmington Reading, Lynnfield and more!

**14th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk**

Sunday, September 23, 10:00 a.m.

Wilmington's 14th Annual Half Marathon & 5K Run/Walk presented by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce will be held once again at the WCTV studio lot on Waltham Street. Be sure to sign up early for this popular race that has become tradition for so many. Proceeds from the race allow the Chamber of Commerce to continue their work with the local business community and also award scholarships each year to graduating seniors. The event includes a professional race, certified courses, music, a food tent, awards/medals, Chamber member booths, raffles, giveaways and more for a great value! Visit [wilmingtontewksburychamber.org/race/](http://wilmingtontewksburychamber.org/race/) for more information or call the Chamber office at 978-657-7211.

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Cooley's Anemia Foundation, and Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund. Contact Kevin Cairra at 978-657-7734.

**Knights of Columbus Cribbage**

Mondays at 7:00 p.m.  
Knights of Columbus

If you will be looking for something to do on Monday nights during the fall and winter, then how about playing some cribbage? The Wilmington Knights of Columbus will host cribbage matches beginning on Monday, September 10 and continuing through the winter into early spring. Play begins at 7:00 p.m. and lasts about two hours. The competition is head to head for five games against five different opponents. There is a small entry fee and at the end of the night the two top scorers will receive cash prizes. If you are interested, the club is located on Middlesex Ave behind St. Thomas Church, and the matches are held in the members lounge which is accessed at the rear of the building. The lounge has a cash bar and we have two large screen TVs so that you can keep an eye on your favorite teams. This is an adult activity and they are looking for players male and female at all skill levels. If you have any questions, please call Bob at 978-851-4985.

**Alateen**

The first and third Thursday of each month  
St Williams Church (middle brick building), 1351 Main Street in Tewksbury

## Tewksbury Calendar:

### Zero Waste Day on Saturday, September 22

**Tewksbury Congregational Church Sunday School**

Sunday, September 9  
Tewksbury Congregational Church

The Tewksbury Congregational Church will begin the program year beginning Sunday, September 9 open to all youth ages 3 through grade 12. This year they have a new pastor, a new updated fun curriculum and new updated classrooms. The church has completely redone the educational wing and now includes a theater room and hangout space with foosball and air hockey tables among other things. Sunday School is offered tuition free. For more information, visit [tewksburycc.org](http://tewksburycc.org).

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**Tewksbury Habitat Build Cornhole Fundraiser**

Sunday, September 16 at 11:00 a.m.

Wamesit Lanes, 1047 South Street

Tewksbury Habitat Build is hosting a cornhole tournament on September 16 in order to raise funds for the construction of new single-family affordable home we are starting to be located at 1047 South Street. This house will be built in partnership with Shawsheen Valley Technical High School and will be transferred to the Veteran's Northeast Outreach Center and will become a single-family affordable home for a deserving vet. The event is \$35 per person or \$65 per team and includes pizza and soft drinks. Register to play at [TewksburyHabitatBuild.org](http://TewksburyHabitatBuild.org) or email [volunteer@tewksburyhabitatbuild.org](mailto:volunteer@tewksburyhabitatbuild.org)

[TewksburyHabitatBuild.org](http://TewksburyHabitatBuild.org) for more information. Cash prizes will be awarded for 1st, 2nd, and 3rd place winners. There raffles and drawings. The rain date is September 22. 100% of proceeds go to Tewksbury Habitat Build's South Street Project.

**Zero Waste Day**

Saturday, September 22 from 9:00 a.m.-1:00 p.m.

Wynn Middle School parking lot

Experience drive thru donating and recycling at Tewksbury's 10th Annual Zero Waste Day, held rain or shine in the Wynn Middle School parking lot. Donate items including clothing; small furniture; baby gear; household goods; bikes; building supplies; books and pet supplies. Recycle items including off-rim tires; batteries; paper; cell phones; and, for a nominal fee, cash only, electronics. For more information, visit [zwdtewksbury.org](http://zwdtewksbury.org).

**Tewksbury Community Market at New Venue**

Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m.

Tewksbury Public Library, 300 Chandler Street

The Tewksbury Community Market, previously known as

the Tewksbury Farmers Market, will take place on the Town Common on Tuesdays from 4:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. starting June 12 and running through September 25, skipping Fourth of July and Labor Day holiday weeks. There will be various vendors selling art, crafts, flowers, plants and food.

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**Trivia Night**

Friday, September 28 from

7:00 p.m.-11:00 p.m.

Knights of Columbus Hall, 2068 Main Street

The Tewksbury Music Association and TMHS Theatre Company will be holding a trivia night fundraiser at the Knights of Columbus Hall. Prizes will be awarded for best theme table and there will be raffles and a cash bar. Outside food will be permitted. This event is for people age 21 and over. The cost is \$20 per person or \$140 for a table of 8. For tickets, contact Ray Lisiecki at [TMHSTC2017@gmail.com](mailto:TMHSTC2017@gmail.com) or Cheryl Edwards at [TMAwelovemusic@gmail.com](mailto:TMAwelovemusic@gmail.com). Come out for a night of great fun and help the music and theatre groups at the high school raise some much needed funds for equipment and performance needs.

**Wine and Beer Tasting**

Saturday, September 29 from 3:30 p.m.-6:30 p.m.

Oakdale Liquors, 1900 Main Street

Join the Friends of the Tewksbury Public Library for a Wine and Beer Tasting event at Oakdale Liquors to raise money for meeting room improvements. Tickets are available at the library for \$15 each or \$25 for two.

Traditions. For more information on the Tewksbury meeting, call Maria Ruggiero at 978-851-7373 X352. For more information on Alanon/Alateen, call 508-366-0556 or visit [al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen](http://al-anon.alateen.org/for-alateen).

**Safety seat installation**

Every Wednesday from 10:00 a.m.-2:00 p.m.

Public Safety Building, 1 Adelaide Street

The Wilmington Police Department offers safety seat installs at the Wilmington Public Safety Building (1 Adelaide St.) every Wednesday, 10 a.m.-2 p.m. No appointment is necessary, but calling ahead at 978-658-5071 is recommended.

**Free Yoga in the Park**  
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# OBITUARIES

## Priscilla G. (Levy) Farnsworth

Administrative assistant for Raytheon

Priscilla G. (Levy) Farnsworth, age 79, of Wilmington, formerly of Melrose, passed away unexpectedly on Aug. 31, 2018, which would have been her 55th wedding anniversary.

Priscilla was born on Sept. 14, 1938; she was the cherished daughter of the late William and Mildred Levy. Priscilla was born, raised, and educated in Melrose and was a graduate of Melrose High School.

Priscilla married the "love of her life" Everett Farnsworth on Aug. 31, 1963; the couple lived in Burlington, MA and Brentwood, NH for the first several years of their marriage while Everett pursued his career in law enforcement. The couple then moved to Framingham, MA where they lived for many years before settling in Wilmington.

Priscilla and Everett were parents to two wonderful children; Gary and Pamela and two terrific grandsons Micah and Joshua; they were her world. Priscilla was very loving and devoted to her family; she treasured the times they spent together.

Priscilla enjoyed entertaining her family and friends throughout the years; she looked forward to making holidays and special occasions memorable for everyone.

For many years, Priscilla worked as an administrative

assistant for the Raytheon Company. Priscilla had a terrific work ethic as well as a wonderful personality; she made many friends with her co-workers throughout the years. Following her retirement, Priscilla helped out at the Abundant Life Christian School in Wilmington; she loved working with the children and helping out in any capacity.

Priscilla also had many talents; she was an excellent seamstress and quilter who made countless beautiful gifts that were shared with family and friends. She was an avid gardener and a talented musician who loved to sing and play the piano.

Priscilla will be remembered for her ability to reach out and help others in need; she was the most caring, giving, and loving person you could meet. Priscilla showered her family and friends with unconditional love and she will forever be missed by all who knew and loved her.

Priscilla was the beloved wife of the late Everett C. Farnsworth, devoted mother of Gary R. Farnsworth & his wife Rozana of Union, SC and Pamela J. (Farnsworth) Ray & her husband Thomas of Wilmington.

Loving "Nana" of Micah David Farnsworth and Joshua Everett Farnsworth both of California. Cher-



ished daughter of the late William A. and Mildred B. (Fawcett) Levy, dear sister of William Levy of Falmouth and the late Irene Fuller.

Priscilla is also survived by several nieces and nephews.

Family and friends will gather for Visiting Hours at the Nichols Funeral Home, 187 Middlesex Ave. (Rt. 62), Wilmington, on Thursday, Sept. 6 from 5 - 8 p.m.

A celebration of Priscilla's life will take place on Saturday, Sept. 8 at 10 a.m. in the Abundant Life Church, 173 Church St., Wilmington.

In lieu of flowers donations in Priscilla's memory may be made to the Abundant Life Christian School, 173 Church St., Wilmington, MA 01887.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Chester C. 'Chet' Howe Jr.

Worked in the dairy industry

Chester C. "Chet" Howe Jr., 76, of Andover, formerly of Wilmington, passed away peacefully at home surrounded by family, on Thursday Aug. 30 after a lengthy illness. Chet was the husband of Carol A. Howe and had been married for 43 years.

Born in Winchester and raised on Silver Lake in Wilmington, Chet was the oldest of seven children of Chester Sr. and Martha (Field) Howe.

After graduating from Wilmington High School in 1960 Chet followed in the footsteps of his father and pursued a career in the dairy industry beginning at Whiting's Milk in Charlestown, followed by Johanna Farms in Flemington, N.J. In 1983 a job at HP Hood brought Chet and his family back to Massachusetts and the town of Andover.

Chet's life was built around family. He was always looking forward to the next family party, when he wasn't working on his boat he was looking for people to take fishing, and he always had a smile and warm embrace ready for his grandchildren & great grandchildren.

In retirement Chet enjoyed spending his days with his family, working in the yard with his dogs, and loved his "do it himself" projects. He enjoyed traveling with Carol and you could often find him planning trips based around

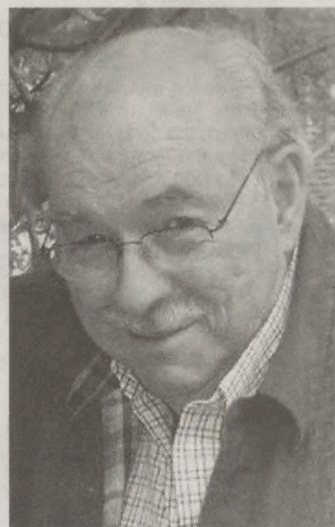
the locations of the best lobster rolls or maple syrup.

Chet was a lifetime member of the Lawrence Rod & Gun Club. He was president for eight years and on the Board of Directors for 10+. He leaves many great friendships and countless great memories.

Chet was a member of the St. Matthew's Lodge Masons in Andover.

Chet was the beloved husband of Carol A. (Roy) Howe, devoted father of Lynda Tennis & her husband Dale of Allentown, NH, Scott Howe & his partner Julie Thibadeau of Merrimack, NH, Ron Howe & his wife Mary Jo of New Hampton, NH and Jeffrey Howe & his wife Sara of Milford; loving "Grampa" of Chad & his wife Laura, Jonathan & his fiancé Heather, Stephanie & her husband Sean, Brianna, Kayla, Sarah & her fiancé George, Alison, Billy, Anna and great-grandchildren Caden, Connor, Rowan & Greyson.

Cherished son of the late Chester C. and Martha L. (Field) Howe, dear brother of Robert A. Howe & his wife Barbara Ann of Wilmington, Nancy Wheeler of Nashua, NH, Donald W. Howe & his wife Susan of Wolfeboro, NH, Richard T. Howe & his wife Donna of Billerica, Lawrence F. Howe and Sandra McFeeters & her hus-



band Michael all of Wilmington.

Chet is also survived by many nieces, nephews and friends.

Family and friends gathered for a Funeral Service at the Nichols Funeral Home, Inc., 187 Middlesex Ave., (Rt. 62), Wilmington on Wednesday, Sept. 5 at 11 a.m. Interment followed in Wildwood Cemetery, Wilmington. Visiting hours were held at the Funeral Home on Tuesday, Sept. 4 from 5 - 8 p.m.

In Lieu of flowers donations in Chet's memory may be made to Tufts Medical Center Development Office, 800 Washington St., #231, Boston, MA 02111 or to the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, 220 North Main St., Suite 104, Natick, MA 01760.

[www.nicholsfuneralhome.com](http://www.nicholsfuneralhome.com)

## Marie D. Tanguay

Nurse at Tewksbury Hospital, schools

Marie "Denise" (DeRoche) Tanguay, R.N., age 76, a resident of Tewksbury for 40 years, passed away at the Life Care Center of the Merrimack Valley in Billerica on Thursday, Aug. 30, 2018.

She was the beloved wife of 52 years to retired Tewksbury Police Officer, Roger J. Tanguay.

Born in Somerville on June 13, 1942, she was the daughter of the late Abel DeRoche and the late Mary (Bruning) DeRoche.

Denise was raised in West Medford, and graduated from St. Joseph's High School.

Following high school, she attended the Lawrence Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, where she received her degree in Nursing.

Prior to her retirement, she worked as a nurse at the Oblate Novitiate, the Tewksbury Hospital and for the Tewksbury Public Schools.

Denise enjoyed many activities especially camping at Normandy Farms in Foxboro, socializing with fellow members of the Tewksbury

Police Wives Association, and playing Bingo.

In addition to her husband, she is survived by three children, Mark J. Tanguay, Craig M. Tanguay and his wife Colleen, all of Tewksbury, and Michelle M. Haines and her boyfriend Stephen "Blacky" Martel, of Tyngsboro; eight grandchildren: Deven Tanguay, Alyssa Haines, Brandon Tanguay, Aaron Tanguay, Michael Haines, Nicholas Tanguay, Stephen Martel, and Addison Tanguay; two great grandchildren, Desiree and Justice; one brother, Ronald DeRoche and his wife Diane, of Melrose; one sister, Betty E. Crump, of Holliston; many nieces, nephews and extended family members.

Denise was the sister of the late Linda J. Weber.

Calling hours were Wednesday, Sept. 5, from 4 - 8 p.m. at the Farmer & Dee Funeral Home, 16 Lee St., Tewksbury. Her funeral procession began on Thursday, Sept. 6, at 9 a.m. at the funeral home, followed by her funeral Mass at 10 a.m. at



St. William's Church, 1351 Main St., Rte. 38, Tewksbury. Interment at St. Mary Cemetery, Tewksbury.

In lieu of flowers, donations in her memory may be made to St. Jude Children's Research Hospital, [www.stjude.org](http://www.stjude.org), 501 St. Jude Place, Memphis, TN 38105.

[www.farmeranddee.com](http://www.farmeranddee.com)

Electrify your ride part 6

## Plug-in electrical vehicle range: How long will my battery really last?

So far, the "Electrify Your Ride" article series has covered a variety of topics to help you better understand plug-in electric vehicles (PEV) and the potential benefits of making the switch. But many folks are still concerned about the range they can travel on a battery charge, particularly in the case of all-electric vehicles. This article will take a closer look at range, but first, let's revisit the different types of PEVs available today:

**Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle (PHEV)** — A PHEV has both an electric motor and a conventional gasoline engine. The gas engine is used as a backup when the battery is depleted. PHEVs have an electric range of between 12 and 29 miles depending on vehicle make and model.

**Plug-in Hybrid Electric Vehicle PLUS (PHEV+)** — A PHEV+ also has both an electric motor and a conventional gasoline engine. The PLUS indicates that the vehicle's battery capacity is greater than 10 kWh, which typically means it will run farther on battery than a standard PHEV. Most PHEV+s have an electric range of between 29 and 53 miles depending on vehicle make and model.

**Battery Electric Vehicle (BEV)** — A BEV is 100 percent electric. BEVs have a range of between 70 and 335 miles depending on vehicle make and model.

Because PHEVs and PHEV+s have a gas engine that can be used when the battery is depleted, electric range is less of a concern when it comes to availability of charging. However, range is an im-

portant consideration with regard to cost savings because the more you use the electric motor, the more money you'll save on fuel costs. A PHEV+, which comes with a larger battery (greater than 10 kWh), has a longer electric range, so less gas is needed to go the same distance.

A BEV runs solely on an electric motor powered by a battery, so electric range is a more important consideration. According to Plug In America (<https://plugstar.zappyride.com/>), there are 10 BEVs on the market that have an electric range of greater than 100 miles and four with a range of greater than 200 miles. The majority of PEV owners charge their car at home (usually overnight), or at work. And as most people don't drive more than 100 miles in a single day, a range of 100 miles (or even less) is sufficient.

Concerned about those weekend road trips? Thanks to an ever-growing network of charging stations, it's likely that a DC Fast Charger will be available along the way. PlugShare (<https://www.plugshare.com/>) has a new feature called Trip Planner which allows you to input your destination and then shows charging stations along your route. With a little planning, that road trip is well within reach!

Regardless of the type of PEV, it's important to note that the way you drive the vehicle will impact the actual range you get out of a charge, just as the way you drive a traditional gas-powered vehicle impacts your miles per gallon.

Check the third article in our series, How and Where

to Charge Your Plug-in Electric Vehicle (<http://bit.ly/2IHZXdz>), for more on charging.

RMLD residential customers who are ready to electrify their ride can take advantage of our summer plug-in electric vehicle pilot rebate program, which offers a \$1,500 rebate for the lease or purchase of a new Plug-In Hybrid Electric Vehicle PLUS.

Delivery must be taken by Oct. 31, 2018. RMLD also offers residential customers a rebate of 100 percent of equipment costs up to \$500 for the home installation of a networked (or "smart") AC level 2 charging station.

For more information on these rebates, visit <https://www.rml.com/electric-vehicle-rebate-programs>.

Want to learn more about PEVs and take a test drive? Stop in to a Plug-in Electric Vehicle Ride and Drive Event on Sunday, Sept. 16, 2018 from 10 a.m. - 2 p.m. at RMLD's offices located at 230 Ash St., Reading. If you can't make it on Sunday, Concord and Belmont are hosting an EV Event on Saturday, September 15, 2018 from 11 a.m. - 3 p.m. at Walden Pond in Concord.

This is the sixth in a series of articles RMLD will publish this summer regarding plug-in electric vehicles. Be on the lookout for our next article: Why Plug-in EVs Cost Less to Maintain. Visit <https://www.rml.com/electric-vehicle-rebate-programs/pages/electrify-your-ride-article-series> to view the series and sign-up to receive new articles via email.

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF TEWKSBURY  
TREE WARDEN

## NOTICE OF PUBLIC HEARING

In accordance with Massachusetts General Laws (MGL), Chapter 87, Public Shade Tree Law, Section 3 (Cutting of Public Shade Trees; Hearing; Damages), the Town of Tewksbury Tree Warden will hold a Public Hearing regarding the removal of public shade trees on **Thursday, September 13, 2018 at 11:00 a.m.** at the Tewksbury DPW, 999 Whipple Road, Tewksbury, MA. Any person interested or wishing to be heard on this matter should appear at the time and place designated.

The proposed work is being done to eliminate any potential risk along town roads. Town trees located within the public way that are designated for removal have been posted with a notice of public hearing in the field.

The location of town trees affected include: Various locations within the Town of Tewksbury

For further information regarding location, size and species of the affected trees, Please visit the Department of Public Works during normal business hours; and on the Town's website [www.tewksbury-ma.gov](http://www.tewksbury-ma.gov).

Brian Gilbert  
Superintendent of Public Works

Species	DBH	Street	House Number/Pole#	NOTES
White Pine	37	North St	Opp 113	Cavity at base
White Pine	26	Pinewold Ave	Pole #2	
White Pine	36	Pinewold Ave	Pole #2	
Red Oak	36	Pleasant St	@ High School	
Red Oak	39	Whittamore St	Pole 9	
White Oak	38	Ballard St	47	Lightning Strike
Oak	36	Kendal Rd	76	

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF  
TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

## USE SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 24, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** in the Tewksbury Town Hall, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Abraham Marsach** for a Use Special Permit for manufacturing in the Westside Neighborhood Business District.

Said property is located at **525 Woburn Street, Unit 5**, Assessor's Map 3, Lot 2, zoned Westside Neighborhood Business District.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday thru Friday 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice also available on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson,  
Chair.

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# Reading Coop sponsors Wilmington half-marathon

**READING** — Reading Cooperative Bank (RCB) recently gave \$500 to help support the 14th annual Wilmington Half Marathon and 5K Run/Walk. The event is being presented by the Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce and takes place on Sunday, Sept. 23, at 10 Waltham St. (WCTV) in Wilmington.

The shotgun start for the race is scheduled for 10 a.m. and the festivities will run until 2 in the afternoon. Event festivities will include music, hot dogs, fruit, ice cream, chamber member booths, raffles and giveaways.

The registration fee for the half-marathon is \$35 (\$40 on race day). The 5K Run/Walk will have a \$20

pre-registration fee (\$25 on race day). Registration for students, aged 18 and younger, will be \$15. Race day registration begins at 8 a.m. A portion of the proceeds will benefit local scholarships programs.

"Events like this are a great way to bring people into our community and highlight the things that give a town its character and charm," commented Danny Walbourne, the Branch Manager at Middlesex Avenue in Wilmington. "Plus, who can say no to ice cream?"

Pre-registration is recommended and can be done at [www.chamber-race.racewire.com](http://www.chamber-race.racewire.com). More information on the race can be found at [www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org](http://www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org).

[wilmingtontewksburychamber.org](http://www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org).

## About Reading Cooperative Bank:

Reading Cooperative Bank is a depositor owned co-operative founded in 1886. This community-centric North Shore financial service provider has branches in Reading, Wilmington, North Reading, Andover, and Burlington. They also operate teaching branches at Northeast Metro Tech in Wakefield (open to the public) and at Reading Memorial High School (students and staff only), as well as an online branch at [www.reading-coop.com](http://www.reading-coop.com).

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## LEGAL NOTICE

TOWN OF  
TEWKSBURY  
PLANNING BOARD

## PUBLIC HEARING

SITE PLAN  
SPECIAL PERMIT

Notice is hereby given that the Tewksbury Planning Board will hold a public hearing on **September 24th, 2018 at 7:00 P.M.** at 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA 01876 on an application filed by **Town of Tewksbury** for a Site Plan Special Permit, to construct a new 6500 square foot building, related utility systems, and parking as shown on plans filed with this Board.

Said property is located at **999 Whipple Road**, Assessor's Map 30, Lot 26, zoned Municipal.

The application may be examined in the Community Development Department, 1009 Main Street, Tewksbury, MA (978-640-4370 x248), Monday - Friday, 7:30 am - 4:30 pm. Legal Notice can also be viewed on [www.masspublicnotices.org](http://www.masspublicnotices.org).

Stephen Johnson,  
Chairman

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## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTSTHE TRIAL COURT  
PROBATE AND  
FAMILY COURT  
MIDDLESEX PROBATE  
AND FAMILY COURT  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141CITATION GIVING  
NOTICE OF PETITION  
FOR APPOINTMENT  
OF GUARDIAN FOR  
INCAPACITATED  
PERSON PURSUANT  
TO G.L. c. 190B, §5-304

Docket No.  
MI18P3967GD

In the matter of:  
**Victoria Johnson-Perez**  
Of: **Tewksbury, MA**  
RESPONDENT  
Alleged Incapacitated Person

To the named Respondent and all other interested persons, a petition has been filed by DMH c/o Office of General Counsel of Westborough, MA in the above captioned matter alleging that **Victoria Johnson-Perez** is in need of a Guardian and requesting that Michelle Griffin of Dorchester, MA (or some other suitable person) be appointed as Guardian to serve **Without Surety** on the bond.

The petition asks the court to determine that the Respondent is incapacitated, that the appointment of a Guardian is necessary, and that the proposed Guardian is appropriate. The petition is on file with this court and may contain a request for certain specific authority.

**You have the right to object to this proceeding.** If you wish to do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance at this court on or before 10:00 AM on the return date of **10/04/2018**. This day is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline date by which you have to file the written appearance if you object to the petition. If you fail to file the written appearance by the return date, action

may be taken in this matter without further notice to you. In addition to filing the written appearance, you or your attorney must file a written affidavit stating the specific facts and grounds of your objection within 30 days after the return date.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
The outcome of this proceeding may limit or completely take away the above-named person's right to make decisions about personal affairs or financial affairs or both. The above-named person has the right to ask for a lawyer. Anyone may make this request on behalf of the above-named person. If the above-named person cannot afford a lawyer, one may be appointed at State expense.

**WITNESS**, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 09, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
183016 9/5/18

## LEGAL NOTICE

COMMONWEALTH OF  
MASSACHUSETTSTHE TRIAL COURT  
MIDDLESEX PROBATE  
AND FAMILY COURT  
208 Cambridge Street  
Cambridge, MA 02141  
(617) 768-5800CITATION ON  
PETITION FOR  
FORMAL  
ADJUDICATION

Docket No.  
MI18P4178EA

Estate of:  
**Joanne Cuoco**  
Also known as:  
**Joanne M. Cavallaro**  
Date of Death:  
06/03/2018

To all interested persons:  
A Petition for Formal Adjudication of Intestacy and Appointment of Personal Representative has been filed by **Edward Cuoco of Acton MA and Jennifer M. Cuoco Henry of Roslindale MA** requesting that the Court enter a formal Decree and Order and for such other relief as requested in the Petition.

The Petitioner requests that: **Edward Cuoco of Acton MA and Jennifer M. Cuoco Henry of Roslindale MA** be appointed as Personal Representative(s) of said estate to serve **Without Surety** on the bond in an **unsupervised** administration.

**IMPORTANT NOTICE**  
You have the right to obtain a copy of the Petition from the Petitioner or at the Court. You have a right to object to this proceeding. To do so, you or your attorney must file a written appearance and objection at this Court before: **10:00 a.m. on the return day of 09/20/2018**.

This is NOT a hearing date, but a deadline by which you must file a written appearance and objection if you object to

this proceeding. If you fail to file a timely written appearance and objection followed by an affidavit of objections within thirty (30) days of the return day, action may be taken without further notice to you.

## UNSUPERVISED ADMINISTRATION UNDER THE MASSACHUSETTS UNIFORM PROBATE CODE (MUPC)

A Personal Representative appointed under the MUPC in an unsupervised administration is not required to file an inventory or annual accounts with the Court. Persons interested in the estate are entitled to notice regarding the administration directly from the Personal Representative and may petition the Court in any matter relating to the estate, including the distribution of assets and expenses of administration.

**WITNESS**, Hon. Edward F. Donnelly, Jr., First Justice of this Court.  
Date: August 23, 2018  
Tara E. DeCristofaro,  
Register of Probate  
181159 9/5/18

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

Premises:  
97 Merrimack Meadows Lane, Unit 85, Building 19, Merrimack Meadows Condominium, Tewksbury, MA

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Michael E. O'Malley to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., as nominee for Salem Five Mortgage Company, LLC and now held by WILMINGTON SAVINGS FUND SOCIETY, FSB, AS TRUSTEE OF STANWICH MORTGAGE LOAN TRUST C, said mortgage dated November 15, 2010 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24483, Page 201, said mortgage was assigned from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc., to Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Countrywide Home Loans Servicing, LP by assignment dated December 2, 2011 and recorded with said Registry in Book 25506, Page 250; said mortgage was assigned from Bank of America, N.A., successor by merger to BAC Home Loans Servicing, LP fka Country-

wide Home Loans Servicing, LP to Wilmington Savings Fund Society, FSB, as Trustee of Stanwich Mortgage Loan Trust C, by assignment dated May 17, 2017 and recorded with said Registry in Book 31401, Page 239; for breach of the conditions in said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing the same will be sold at Public Auction on October 2, 2018 at 10:00 AM Local Time upon the premises, directly in front of the building in which the unit is located, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage, to wit:

Unit No. 85 in Building 19 of the Merrimack Meadows Condominium, located in Tewksbury, Massachusetts, which Condominium was created pursuant to M.G.L. Chapter 183A by the recording of a Master Deed dated May 9, 1989 and recorded on May 9, 1989 with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds in Book 4883, Page 166, which has a mailing address of:

97 Merrimack Meadow Lane, Tewksbury, MA 01876

Said Unit contains approximately 1,755 square feet and is shown on the floor plans of the Building recorded with the Master Deed on the floor plan, attached to the said Unit Deed and made a part thereof, to which is affixed the verified statement in the form required by said

Chapter 183A, Section 9.

Said Unit is conveyed together with:

1. An undivided 1.018 percent interest in the Common Areas and Facilities of the Condominium, as it may be pursuant to provisions of the Master Deed;
2. The exclusive right to use a parking space, if so assigned;
3. The exclusive right to use those Common Areas and Facilities appurtenant to said Unit as set forth in the Master Deed;
4. All other rights, easements, agreements, interest and provisions contained in the Master Deed, the Declaration of Trust of the Condominium recorded with said Registry of Deeds on May 9, 1989 in Book 4883, Page 200 and the Rules and Regulations adopted pursuant thereto, as any of the same may be amended from time to time pursuant to the provisions thereof.

For my title see Deed recorded herewith.

The description of the property contained in the mortgage shall control in the event of a typographical error in this publication.

For Mortgagor's Title see deed dated November 15, 2010 and recorded in the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 24483, Page 191.

Said Unit will be conveyed together with an undivided percentage interest in the Common Elements of said Condominium appurtenant to said Unit and together with all rights, easements, covenants and agreements as contained and referred to in the Declaration of Condominium, as amended.

## TERMS OF SALE:

Said premises will be sold and conveyed subject to all liens, encumbrances, unpaid taxes, tax titles, municipal liens and assessments, if any, which take precedence over the said mortgage as above described.

FIVE THOUSAND (\$5,000.00) Dollars of the purchase price must be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check at the time and place of the sale by the purchaser. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid in cash, certified check, bank treasurer's or cashier's check within thirty (30) days after the date of sale.

Other terms to be announced at the sale.

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Present Holder of the Mortgage  
183007 9/5,12,19/18

## LEGAL NOTICE

NOTICE OF  
MORTGAGEE'S  
SALE OF  
REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain mortgage given by Elvira A. Kowalchik a/k/a Elvira Kowalchik to Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Reliant Mortgage Company, LLC, dated March 29, 2007 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 21108, Page 72, of which mortgage the undersigned is the present holder by assignment from Mortgage Electronic Registration Systems, Inc. as nominee for Reliant Mortgage Company, LLC to Nationstar Mortgage LLC dated January 30, 2013 and recorded with said Registry on May 21, 2013 at Book 27298, Page 175 and by assignment from Nationstar Mortgage LLC to U.S. Bank National Association, not in its individual capacity but solely as trustee for the RMAC TRUST, Series 2016-CTT dated May 17, 2018 and recorded with said Registry on May 17, 2018 at Book 32078, Page 215, for breach of the conditions of said mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing, the same will be

sold at Public Auction at 9:00 a.m. on October 1, 2018, on the mortgaged premises located at 16 LONGVIEW ROAD, WILMINGTON, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, all and singular the premises described in said mortgage,

## TO WIT:

Borrower: Kowalchik, Elvin Locust: 1.6 Longview Road, Wilmington Massachusetts EXHIBIT A One Certain lot of land located in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts and described as being Lot numbered fifty-nine (59) as shown on a plan of land known as 'Wilmington Estates' dated July 9, 1038, a copy of which is recorded with the Middlesex North District Registry of Deeds, Plan Book 61, Plan 76; and further bounded and described as follows: Beginning at a point on Longview Road on its easterly side at the northern boundary of Lot 60 on said plan, the line runs easterly one hundred and eighteen and 35/100 (118.35) feet to Lot 30 on said plan; thence the line turns and runs northerly one hundred, fifty-four and 20/100 (154.20) feet to Lot 46 on said plan; thence the line turns and runs partially along Lot 46 on said plan westerly on hundred, fifty-eight and 26/100 (158.26) feet

to a point on the easterly side of Lot 58 and the southerly side of Lot 48 on said plan; thence the line turns and runs southerly one hundred (100) feet to Longview Road; thence the line turns and runs in two courses eight and 23/100 (8.23) feet and ninety-two and 81/100 (92.81) feet along the line the radius of which is sixty-one and 27/100 (67.27) feet to Lot 60 and point of beginning. For my title see deed recorded at Book 1711, Page 578. See also Death Certificate for Walter Kowalchik recorded herewith.

For mortgagor's(s) title see deed recorded with Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds in Book 1711, Page 578.

These premises will be sold and conveyed subject to and with the benefit of all rights, restrictions, easements, covenants, liens or claims in the nature of liens, improvements, public assessments, any and all unpaid taxes, tax titles, tax liens, water and sewer liens and any other municipal assessments or liens or existing encumbrances of record which are in force and are applicable, having priority over said mortgage, whether or not reference to such restrictions, easements,

improvements, liens or encumbrances is made in the deed.

## TERMS OF SALE:

A deposit of Five Thousand (\$5,000.00) Dollars by certified or bank check will be required to be paid by the purchaser at the time and place of sale. The balance is to be paid by certified or bank check at Harmon Law Offices, P.C., 150 California Street, Newton, Massachusetts 02458, or by mail to P.O. Box 610389, Newton Highlands, Massachusetts 02461-0389, within thirty (30) days from the date of sale. Deed will be provided to purchaser for recording upon receipt in full of the purchase price. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication. Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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MORTGAGEE'S  
NOTICE OF SALE  
OF REAL ESTATE

By virtue of the Power of Sale contained in a certain Mortgage given by Richard Celata and Kelley Celata to World Savings Bank, FSB, dated April 9, 2004 and recorded with the Middlesex County (Northern District) Registry of Deeds at Book 17139, Page 207 for breach of the conditions of said Mortgage and for the purpose of foreclosing same will be sold at Public Auction at 9:00 AM on September 13, 2018 at 11 Walnut Street, Wilmington, MA, all and singular the premises described in said Mortgage, to wit:

The land in Wilmington, Middlesex County, Massachusetts, de-

scribed as Lots 221, 222, 223 and 224 as shown on a plan of land known as "Wilmington Gardens Additions", dated June 12, 1909, H.A. Millhouse, C.E., a copy of which plan is recorded with the Middlesex North Registry of Deeds, Book of Plans 26, Plan 36. For mortgagor's title see deed recorded in Book 13225 Page 26.

The premises are to be sold subject to and with the benefit of all easements, restrictions, encroachments, building and zoning laws, liens, unpaid taxes, tax titles, water bills, municipal liens and assessments, rights of tenants and parties in possession, and attorney's fees and costs.

**TERMS OF SALE:**  
A deposit of FIVE THOUSAND DOLLARS AND 00 CENTS

(\$5,000.00) in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or money order will be required to be delivered at or before the time the bid is offered. The successful bidder will be required to execute a Foreclosure Sale Agreement immediately after the close of the bidding. The balance of the purchase price shall be paid within thirty (30) days from the sale date in the form of a certified check, bank treasurer's check or other check satisfactory to Mortgagee's attorney. The Mortgagee reserves the right to bid at the sale, to reject any and all bids, to continue the sale and to amend the terms of the sale by written or oral announcement made before or during the foreclosure sale. If the sale is set aside for any reason, the Purchaser at the sale shall be entitled only to a return of the

deposit paid. The purchaser shall have no further recourse against the Mortgagor, the Mortgagee or the Mortgagee's attorney. The description of the premises contained in said mortgage shall control in the event of an error in this publication.

**TIME WILL BE OF THE ESSENCE.**

Other terms, if any, to be announced at the sale.

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# Lifestyle

## Visit the B52 crash site at Elephant Mountain, Maine



By **PAIGE IMPINK**  
News Correspondent  
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**A**s more and more visitors discover the beauty and recreation opportunities of the Moosehead Lake region in Maine, the county is improving access to and helping folks navigate the sometimes rugged terrain.

One site that is worth visiting is the B52 bomber crash site on the side of Elephant Mountain, not far from the center of Greenville. Clear, bright blue signs guide visitors to the location for viewing an unusual scene.

In January 1963, a crew from Westover AFB in Chicopee, Massachusetts set out on a training mission to practice low level flying. Terribly cold temperatures and howling winds created turbulence that took advantage of a weak tail vertical stabilizer which broke off and cause the B-52C Stratofortress to lose altitude and crash. Only two crew members survived — Navigator Captain Gerald Adler survived an ejection in his seat without the parachute deploying, and the pilot, Lt. Col. Dante Bulli, who was suspended in a tree in subzero temperatures until he was rescued. Seven other airmen were killed in the crash.

The Strategic Air Command, or SAC, was so afraid of a nuclear sneak attack at the time that it had bombers flying 24 hours a day and practice missions were common in the US while missions with thermonuclear warheads were flown close to Soviet airspace overseas. It was the Cold War. The bomber was an enormous aircraft stretching the length of three tractor trailers and sporting wings that were so long “Boeing had to put little wheels on the tips to keep them from dragging.”

Several B-52 crashes happened in similar conditions in very close succession, forcing the Air Force and Boeing to reexamine the plane.

The crash site is eight miles in on maintained dirt

roads, well signed, and has a small parking area, though no restroom facilities at this time. The land is owned by Weyerhaeuser, who recently purchased much of the logging land in the area from Plum Creek Timber. Care for the site is shared by several groups including the Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club, Maine Department of Inland Fisheries and Wildlife, the American Legion, the U.S. Airforce and the Maine Air National Guard.

It is both haunting and interesting to walk among the debris, some strewn in trees and other large pieces on the ground. Though the area was cleared years ago, much of the debris has been returned and carefully positioned and the site remains a memorial to the airmen who lost their lives on that mission. No tree harvesting is allowed on this part of the mountain and people are asked to not touch any of the artifacts.

Small American flags have been placed around the site and some remains of floral memorials are evident. Interestingly, a Maine forest ranger found one of the ejection seats on a remote logging road in 2012, and it was confirmed that it was the pilot's seat.

In addition to the crash site, several artifacts are on display at the Center for Moosehead History courtesy of the Moosehead Riders Snowmobile Club right in downtown Greenville.

So, the next time you find yourself up at Moosehead, be sure to plan to swing up to the crash site and pay tribute to the airmen and remember an important time in our country's history.

www.moosehead-history.org

### Clockwise from top left:

The SAC was an arm of the Air Force and Department of Defense which oversaw nuclear weapons, bombers and missiles during the cold war right up until the Soviet Union was dissolved.

Sign marking the entrance to the cleared path up to the site. Nature has grown around some of the debris, especially the trees, making for an eerie sense and somber memorial.

A set of wheels from the B52-Stratofortress is decorated with small American flags at the crash site in Greenville, Maine.

(Paige Impink photos)

## Yankee Doodle Homecoming in Billerica

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

On Sept. 15 and 16 the Town of Billerica will hold their 27th annual Yankee Doodle Homecoming event. Billerica has been known as the Yankee Doodle town since the Revolutionary War, and in 2016, Governor Charlie Baker helped pass a bill that officially designates the Town of Billerica as “Yankee Doodle Town.”

The song “Yankee Doodle” has long been adopted as our most familiar patriotic song, but it was originally written to ridicule the colonial soldiers. In 1775, when the song originated, a Billerica man named Thomas Ditson went to Bos-

ton to buy a musket. Tension between the British and the colonists were mounting, and he wanted to purchase a musket for protection.

Story has it that a British soldier offered to sell him a gun, but then promptly orchestrated Ditson's arrest. He was tarred and feathered and paraded through the streets to the tune of “Yankee Doodle.” Ditson eventually went on to fight in the Revolutionary War and become a prominent town figure.

The Town of Billerica continues to hold Ditson in high esteem by having this two day celebration.

Activities for Saturday, Sept. 15 starts off with a parade at 10 a.m. that begins at the Billerica Mall,

with many activities to continue throughout the day at several different locations.

The Billerica Fire Department will host a Fire Safety open house and the Billerica Police Department will host a DARE Program open house to include a free bike raffle, both run from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. The Billerica Public Library will hold their annual book sale from 1 - 4 p.m.

The Billerica Colonial Minutemen are celebrating 50 years of recreating the colonial lifestyle of Billerica farmers and soldiers. They will have an Encampment at the Billerica Memorial High School, at 35 River St., from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. Boy Scout Troops 11,

30, and 55 will be on hand with cooking and games.

The Billerica Town Hall parking lot and the Billerica Memorial High School parking lot will offer many activities from 10 a.m. - 4 p.m., including crafters, vendors, kids activities, and a Best of Billerica Pizza challenge that runs from 1 - 3 p.m.

In the evening hours, The Marshall Middle School, at 15 Floyd St., will host the performance of the Off Duty Angels Band at 6:30 p.m. and the Teamsters Local 25 Community Van will be on hand. A large selection of food will be available including ice cream, burgers, chicken and fried dough. A fireworks display will start at

approximately 8:30 p.m.

For those wishing to spend the evening indoors, The First Congregational Church will be having a Boiled Dinner from 5 - 7 p.m.

On Sunday, Sept. 16, The Marshall Middle School will feature Four Paws in Action, to include dog related shows and activities from 11 - 3. The American Cancer Society will also be offering Pulling For Hope, Fire Truck Pull at 11 a.m. Sign up time is at 10 a.m., but participants are strongly advised to sign up online.

For Fire Truck Pull sign up information and for a full list and map of the weekend's events go to [www.billericayankedoodlehomecoming.org](http://www.billericayankedoodlehomecoming.org).





## Tewksbury Police Log

### Male arrested for destruction of property, assault

Monday, August 27

12:54 a.m. - Campus police requested a check out on a vehicle that parked on their property by Greenhouse Road in Livingston Street. Police sent and the vehicle was unoccupied. They would try later and contact RO.

12:10 p.m. - Walmart reported a male shoplifter. Scott Barrett, 37, of 256 Stevens St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with shoplifting by asportation.

12:24 p.m. - Officer arrested one male on a warrant at Walmart. Dustin Shaw, 27, of 1 Cherokee Circle in Londonderry New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with a warrant for operation motor vehicle with suspended license and a warrant for breaking and entering nighttime.

4:18 p.m. - Manager of Ocean State Job Lot reported a male and female shoplifting. Kenneth Ludwig, 31, of 14 Hillside Dr. in East Dennis, was arrested and charged with shoplifting.

Tuesday, August 28

10:07 a.m. - A dog (pitbull) was off his leash and tried to

bite the caller so he maced the dog at Livingston Street Park. Police and Animal Control responded. The female owner and dog could not be located. Animal Control investigated.

4:23 p.m. - A woman reported her family member was scammed out of \$1,100 at Arkansas Road. The caller claimed they were called from certain numbers. Police sent and filed a report.

6 p.m. - Police stopped a motor vehicle at Dracut Appliance Center for impeded license. David Simard, 30, of 199 Crawford St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended and sending or reading of electronic messages while operating composing.

10:25 p.m. - Police attempting to serve a warrant at Motel 6. Aliou Dumbuya, 29, of 100 Massmill Dr. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny under \$1,200.

Wednesday, August 29

10:15 a.m. - A loud noise behind the caller's home sounded like a gunshot at Shaw-

sheen Street. Police sent and extra cars went as backup. Units checked the area, but nothing was found. All appeared to be in order.

12:27 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver on the highway, side sweated a truck. The driver was doing drugs in the vehicle. Caller followed the driver into the Cracker Barrel parking lot. Kaley Boyle, 29, of 115 Worcester in Hollis, New Hampshire, was arrested and charged with possession class A drugs and possession of class B drugs.

11:51 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a party knocked on basement door in rear of residence at Mitchell G Drive. No vehicle in the area, no description of the party. Police sent. The area was checked and no suspicious party on or around the property. Nothing on property appeared to be disturbed and there was no attempted break in. Resident was advised to call the police back immediately with any further issues.

Thursday, August 30

10 a.m. - Female caller stated her vehicle was broken into sometime overnight at

Merrimack Meadows. Police sent and filed a report.

12:32 p.m. - A 911 caller reported a possible break at his home at Foster Road. Police sent and officer filed a report.

2:55 p.m. - The male saw a light blue Honda CRV, no plate, both occupants had "vendetta movie" masks on near Sky Box Sports Bar. The vehicle took a left out of the lot and headed towards Lowell. Lowell State Police notified. Officer reported kids bought masks at Ocean State Job Lot and were fooling around.

Friday, August 31

12:16 a.m. - An erratic driver at Lowe Street. The driver was driving without headlights and all over the road. Police sent and reported the driver was driving a vehicle unfamiliar to her and did not know how to operate the headlights.

6:06 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Jason Fitch, 33, of 63 Lake View Ave. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny over \$1,200.

6:10 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. Rondinele Freitas-Temponi, 37, of 120 Wyllis Ave. in Everett, was arrested and charged with a warrant for larceny over \$1,200.

Saturday, September 1

12:15 a.m. - Police checked the area of Emerald Court for a loud explosion that was heard behind the station. Police sent. The area was checked. A male party was spoken to on Hillman Street and he admitted to light off fireworks.

6:27 a.m. - Police out at Motel 6 attempting to serve a warrant. William Christman, 62, of 2 Dalton St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for license not in possession, a warrant for license suspended and a warrant for failure to stop or yield.

1:12 p.m. - There was an intoxicated male at Motel 6. Timothy Bouley, 43, of 37 Monadnock Ave. in Dracut, was arrested and charged with a warrant for destruction of property +\$1,200 and a warrant for assault and battery household family member.

1:24 p.m. - A 911 caller reported that she was a victim of a hit and run accident at CVS (North). Suzanne Carboneau, 56, of 84 Rumford St. in Lowell, was arrested and charged with a warrant for

possession of class E drugs, leave the scene of property damage, operation motor vehicle with license revoked and motor vehicle not meeting RMV safety standards.

Sunday, September 2

4:14 p.m. - A 911 caller reported an erratic driver was on East Street heading towards Main Street from Route 93. Police stopped at Jones Farm. Police cleared the driver with a verbal warning for marked lanes.

7:59 p.m. - A small white vehicle occupied by several, playing loud music have tucked away themselves in the parking lot at Ames Hill Drive. Caller feels unsafe to walk her dog and they do not belong there. They were parked behind the caller's white Jeep. Police sent and vehicle was gone on arrival.

9:09 p.m. - Police out at Applebee's for plate light violation. Jason Rousseau, 42, of 112 High St. in Billerica, was arrested and charged with operation motor vehicle with license suspended and number plate violation.

10:13 p.m. - A 911 call from Shawsheen Street a motor vehicle accident. Adriano Regnetta, 22, of 17 Pine Plain Road in Boxford, was arrested and charged with negligent operation of motor vehicle, OUI drugs, marked lanes violation, and possession of class A drugs.

lot. No witnesses or cameras were able to identify the other vehicle. Damage to the vehicle included a small scrape to the rear passenger panel.

1:06 p.m. - A Mercedes C 300 and a Ford Edge were in a minor collision as one pulled out of a parking space in the parking lot of Target on Ballardvale Street.

4:11 p.m. - A minor motor vehicle collision occurred on Lt. Buck Dr. involving a Honda CR-V and a GMC Sierra. No one was injured in the collision.

11:21 p.m. - A Honda Accord struck a tree on Woburn Street.

Saturday, September 1:

12:51 p.m. - The driver of a Cadillac de Ville was summonsed for reckless driving after he struck a pedestrian by Market Basket on Main Street.

Sunday, September 2:

10:07 a.m. - A mailbox on Roosevelt Road was knocked over by a neighbor's vehicle. The neighbor came forward and offered to make restitution privately.

6:19 p.m. - The driver of an Acura MDX initially refused to exchange information after a collision with a Nissan Juke by Savers on Main Street. The operator of the Juke knew the license plate number of the other vehicle; however, the driver later returned to the scene exchange information.



## Wilmington Police Log

### Possibly rabid skunk struck by car

Monday, August 27:

7:31 a.m.: Animal Control brought a deceased skunk found on Middlesex Avenue to Andover Animal Hospital.

9:14 a.m.: The Fire Department responded to a box truck fire prior to Exit 37C on I93.

10:05 a.m.: Animal Control responded to a report of a possibly rabid skunk on Middlesex Avenue. While they

were en route, the skunk was hit by a car. It was brought to a veterinarian and euthanized.

11:15 a.m.: A Lawrence Street resident found a large, injured black bird in front of her house. The resident managed to contain it in a box until Animal Control was able to retrieve it for rehabilitation.

3:50 p.m.: A minor motor vehicle collision involving a

Hyundai Tucson and a Chevrolet Avalanche occurred at the intersection of Middlesex Avenue and High Street.

5:13 p.m.: A Honda Civic rolled over at the end of Exit 40 on I93. The driver was treated on scene by two nurses. Police blocked the ramp until medical vehicles arrived.

Tuesday, August 28:

1:38 p.m.: Police notified Verizon of a phone line which

was downed across the sidewalk on Main Street.

5:20 p.m.: A Buick Envision rear ended a Nissan Rogue on Ramp 38. The damage to the vehicles was minor.

Wednesday, August 29:

10:14 a.m.: Four Seasons Greenery found that a landscaping trailer had been stolen from their location on Industrial Way sometime over the weekend.

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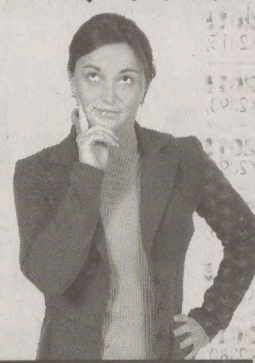
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▲ Past and present students of Debi's Dance Studio in Wilmington gathered to say farewell to Debi Hanley Bennett. (Courtesy photo)

## Debi's Dance Studio owner to retire

# No more dancing as Debi hangs up shoes

By **HEATHER BURNS**  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — After 40 years of teaching dance at Debi's Dance Studio in Wilmington, owner Debi Hanley Bennett has decided to hang up her ballet slippers and retire.

Debi has left a lasting impression on thousands of Wilmington and Tewksbury dancers over the years. Teaching them not only the fundamentals of dance, but also of life, with an emphasis on commitment, hard work, and resilience.

Bennett started to dance when she was just three

years old, and evolved into teaching when she got older.

"I've loved to dance all of my life," said Bennett, "but I loved to teach even more."

She opened Debi's Dance Studio in the mid 1970's. Bennett knew she didn't want to work for anyone else because he wanted to develop her own students with her own dance program.

Bennett felt the best part of her dance experience was the kids.

"I have had some very talented dancers over the years, and I remember the first day each one of them walked in the studio," said

Bennett. "I loved watching the kids develop into the kind of young ladies they have become."

Bennett has handed the reins of Debi's Dance Studio over to former student Rachel DiGregorio-Oettinger. Oettinger had been a student at Debi's for almost 30 years, and has been teaching at the studio for 20 years.

Oettinger is proud to carry on Bennett's life's work as director of Debi's Dance Studio.

An open house was held on Aug. 18, 2018 at Debi's Studio at 1 Burlington Ave. in Wilmington, to honor

and thank Bennett for her many years of hard work and dedication. In attendance was not only family, friends, and present students, but also former students came to thank Bennett and wish her well in her retirement.

"There were lots of tears," said Bennett of the open house. "Bittersweet tears, but I'm looking forward to the next chapter."

Bennett plans on heading to Florida for her next adventure in life.

When asked what she will do there, she replied, "I'll see how it goes. I won't know until I get there."

## Zoning Board scheduled to hold hearing on proposed drug treatment center

WILMINGTON — There is a public hearing scheduled to be held at Wilmington Town Hall on Sept. 12 starting at 7 p.m. The Zoning Board of Appeals is currently slated to hear the case for and against construction of the proposed drug treatment center at 362 Middlesex Ave. This is currently the most controversial topic in Wilmington. People have strong opinions on both sides of this issue.

Many people believe this issue has been put to bed with the passing of Article II at the special town meeting last December and subsequent approval from the Attorney General. The developer for the proposed site at 362 Middlesex

Ave. had filed his papers prior to the by-law's enactment. Accordingly, he was, "grandfathered-in" and may locate the drug treatment center at the North Wilmington location if the Zoning Board decides in his favor.

There is a lot at stake here. There is a good possibility that the developer will request a continuance until October. Residents are urged to either check the Concerned Citizens of Wilmington Facebook page or call the Wilmington Building Department at (978) 694-2043 the day of the hearing. With either option you can learn if 362 Middlesex Ave. is still on the agenda for the Zoning Board of Appeals consider.

## Troy named to Dean's List at The Citadel

CHARLESTON, SC — Nicholas Troy of Wilmington was named to The Citadel's dean's list for their academic achievements during the 2018 spring semester.

The dean's list is a recognition given to cadets

and students who are registered for 12 or more semester hours and whose grade point average is 3.20 or higher, with no grade of I (Incomplete) and no grade below C for work in a semester.

## Boy Scout Troop 136 hosts car wash for McLaren family

WILMINGTON — Boy Scout Troop 136, sponsored by American Legion Post 136 of Wilmington, will be holding a car wash on Saturday, Sept. 8, from 8 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the Friendship Lodge of Masons, 32 Church St., Wil-

mington, to benefit the family of Tom McLaren, who was recently injured in a motorcycle accident. (Tom's son, David, is a member of Troop 136.)

Any and all donations are gratefully appreciated.

## No lifeguards on duty at Silver Lake

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on Monday that the young man was swimming outside of the designated swimming area at the time of the incident. However, there were not any lifeguards on duty at Silver Lake that day at all — as they finished for the season on Aug. 12.

The Lowell Sun also quoted Town Manager Jeff Hull, explaining, "to a large measure they're really swimming at their own risk because we don't supervise beyond the buoy area."

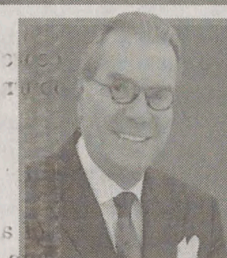
It wasn't until the victim was brought to Winchester Hospital that he was pronounced dead, read Mon-

day's statement from the District Attorney.

Ryan also wrote, "The Medical Examiner will determine cause and manner of death."

In the case that foul play is not suspected, the statement concludes that the DA's office will not be releasing the name of the 19-year-old.

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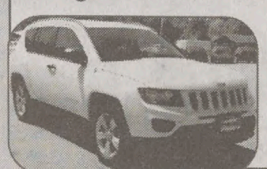
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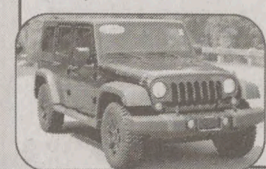
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▲ Supporters of the various candidates stand outside a polling place. (photo: BruceHilliard.com)

# Wilmington backs O'Connell and Tewksbury Kratman, but neither advance

**ELECTION FROM PAGE 1**

In terms of the statewide races, some of the highlighted ones were those for senator and governor. In the Republican senate primary, Geoff Diehl beat out opponents John Kingston and Beth Lindstrom. Despite Diehl having the support of the state, Wilmington supported Lindstrom for the senate candidate. Diehl will face current senator Elizabeth Warren, who ran unopposed in the Democratic primary, in the general election.

In regards to the governor's race, Democrat Jay Gonzalez beat out Bob Massie for his party's spot in the general election with roughly 64 percent of the vote. For the Republican primary, current Governor Charlie Baker beat out opponent Scott Lively in hopes of returning for another term with about 64 percent of the vote.

Looking at the U.S. House of Representatives races, Ayanna Pressley made history in the race for the Seventh Congressional District. She beat out 10-term incumbent Michael Capuano, and will likely become the first woman of color from Massachusetts to serve in the United States House, as there is no Republican in the race.

In order to vote for the next state representative, senator, governor, and other statewide races, vote in the general election on Nov. 6. If not eligible to vote, then one can register by Oct. 17 to vote in the election. Absentee ballots will also be available at the Town Clerk's office until Nov. 5.

For this year's state election, early voting will also be available. For questions in regards to voting, visit the town clerk's office or call (978) 640-4355.

## Wilmington native protects and serves in Kansas City

By JESSICA KASPARIAN  
News Correspondent

WILMINGTON — Wilmington native Cassandra Lee uprooted her life in New York and moved to Kansas City, where she currently works as an officer at the Prairie Village Police Department.

The 24-year-old Wilmington High School graduate received a masters degree in criminal justice and corrections from the University at Albany - SUNY and was working as a project assistant at a behavioral health research company when she decided to move to the Midwest.

Lee said moving to Kansas gave her the push to kickstart her career in law enforcement.

"Actually, my boyfriend moved here. I wanted to be in law enforcement, but I didn't really know where or how I wanted to be involved in it," Lee said. "When he moved, I ended up moving with him."

The civil service exams required by Massachusetts and New York prior to beginning a career in law enforcement deferred Lee from becoming a police officer in the Northeast, but not in Kansas.

"It was a lot easier to get a job in law enforcement down here because they don't have civil service tests," Lee said. "It actually wasn't that bad. I just looked for different police departments that were hiring in the area."

Despite not having to take a civil service exam, the hiring process is still a detailed one, with applicants needing to complete written, oral, physical, medical, and psychological exams, among other requirements.

Lee started as a police officer for Prairie Village in April, but is still supervised as part of her training.

"I just got out of the academy, so it's all very new to me," Lee said. "I'm working with one of the senior officers, so I get to drive and do everything, but he's monitoring me."

Right now, a typical work day doesn't exist for Lee, as the job changes from day to day.

"You could get people calling that have mental health issues, burglaries, you could get things that happen the night before; when you're out doing traffic stuff, you can get drugs, DUIs," Lee said. "It's different every day and depending on who you're in contact with."

While the ever-changing job may be stressful for some, Lee enjoys the uncertainty of each day.

"So far, I like how diverse it is," Lee said. "I used to just work in an office, kind

of going in and sitting on the computer doing the same thing every day, but here, I'm dealing with different people, different situations."

Being part of law enforcement also means getting to know the area's community, which Lee does through outreach events and city council meetings.

"We have outreach events and things like that, so I get to talk to a lot of the kids and do programs with them," Lee said. "We really get to help form the community and work with them, as well."

Lee said one of the biggest contrasts between Kansas City and a place like Boston is the pace.

"People move slower, they drive slower, they talk slower," Lee said. "I think in the Northeast, everyone's kind of in a rush to go everywhere. Everyone here is kind of more relaxed."

The slower pace of the Midwest offsets the chaos that comes with a new job, particularly one that requires being alert, hasty, and at risk.

"I think, right now, I'm probably more cautious, but I don't have that experience so I don't know," Lee said. "I feel like every day, I can look forward to something new and because the job is new, it's always challenging to me still. I feel like I'm growing and learning every day."

Lee plans to stay with the Prairie Village Police Department indefinitely, and is considering a career in federal law enforcement in the future.

"I want to stay with the department and see how I really get into law enforcement, and if I really like it, maybe go federal," Lee said. "That's a really long process, as well. I'll have to really want that."

When she first began thinking about moving halfway across the country, Lee called the idea "insane." Now, she would advise others to take similar risks.

"This move was kind of big for me, but I think it was a good choice, and even though it seemed scary at the time, it's kind of an opportunity that opened up that — sometimes you just have to try it out and see," Lee said. "I never thought I would be here in Kansas City, or really think that I would like it, so that's a big surprise."

Lee said Boston is "better than any other city," but she does not see herself moving back to Massachusetts anytime soon.

"I like it down here. The job works out really well and I see myself staying down here for awhile."

## Superintendent Brand excited for first year in Wilmington

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ing with principals, and preparing a series of community forums where he can hear ideas and concerns from anyone in town. This has allowed him to start to understand the people and processes already in place at every level.

He's extremely optimistic about this school year, he continued, because of the opportunities that lay ahead.

"This time period is an important one to try to gather the perspectives of folks out there... for people to provide ideas."

He'll use this whole school year to gather thoughts and ideas from all of the stakeholders. Knowing that the success of the school system comes not only from his own work but also from that of the students, staff and community, he's looking forward to creating a plan with everyone's input that can receive the full town's support.

For Brand, it's time for some strategic planning and

collaboration to keep this district moving forward.

"The district had a strategic plan in place that came to an end at the end of this past school year," he explained. "We need to really take stock of what our most important priorities are."

He wants to make sure that the path that this town is on is what best meets the needs of Wilmington's young people.

With a lot of changes being made at the same time, he's aware of the importance of formulating a unified vision for schools and sticking to it. Besides his own onboarding, the school system is also meeting a new administrative team from the superintendent's office: a new assistant superintendent and a new HR director.

"We're reformulating that team," he said.

These are three brand new, key people in leadership that will set the bar for the whole district.

On top of that, Brand counts over 40 staff changes this year in the school system.

These include teachers, administrators, and assistants for a variety of reasons. While not limited to the two, this year's changes are mostly due to retirements and staff going on leave.

"This is not unusual at all," he assured, "since we're a large organization with a lot of people in the system."

He believes that the town is in great shape in terms of filling these positions and they're fully prepared for the school year.

While the district is holding its own in terms of class sizes, there are more changes coming down the pipeline for policies.

"[The district] recently took a vote to endorse or accept the proposed revisions to the homework policy, and we're going to be moving forward with that."

It will soon be necessary to make sure that schools and teachers comply with the new policy and make appropriate changes. Brand also is continuing to encourage and expand the already-existing

chrome book initiative to increase the number of chrome books being used in Wilmington's classrooms.

In his first few months on the job, he's seen how Wilmington residents take great pride in the accomplishments of their school system.

"From my early impressions, the Wilmington community is a fantastic place to be," Brand plans to hear many more impressions throughout the year, starting with four community forums for the month of October.

He'll start these 9:30 a.m. on the Monday, Oct. 1 at the Woburn Street, and the next on Wednesday the 3rd at the high school at 6:30 p.m. The other two forums will be on Tuesday the 16th at the Shawsheen, and on Thursday the 25th at the middle school, both at 6:30 p.m.

Brand will also be opening a survey on Sept. 9 on the district website at <https://www.wpsk12.com> and encourages anyone with thoughts or ideas to reach out to him on Twitter via @superwps.

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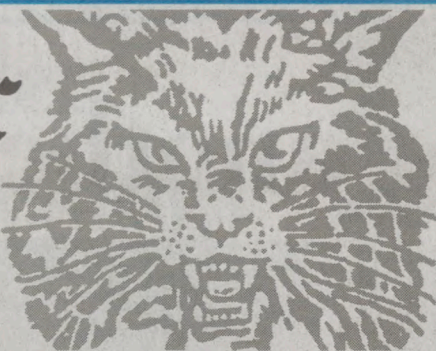
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## WHS Girls Soccer Preview

# Getting a kick out of being the 7-time league champs



The Wilmington High School Girls Soccer team will be led this season by tri-captains from left, Victoria Sheehan, Thea Alberti, and Cassidy Collins (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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Sports Editor

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**WILMINGTON** - When the Wilmington High School Athletic Department announced that it was leaving the Cape Ann League for the Middlesex League, the consensus was that many of the teams across the board would take a hit, considering the overall competition from top to bottom in nearly every sport is that much better.

The one sport that went to the complete opposite of that has been the girls soccer team. In seven years in the ML, the Wildcats have won or shared seven league titles, compiled a record of 102-20-20, including 77-11-13 the last five years.

Back in 2016, the 'Cats finished without a regular season loss before losing in the first round of the state tournament.

Heading into the 2017 season, the team was already decimated with injuries, had lost 50 of their 64 goals from the year before, but still managed a very productive season, finishing as co-champs of the league and

with an 8-6-5 overall record including a first round tournament loss to league rival Winchester.

Now a year later, the team has lost ten players from last year's roster, with seven graduating and three others not returning including Tess O'Connell, who transferred to the Pingree School.

On top of that the team has a season ending injury to Jessie McCullough, while sophomore Amber Flynn is out to start the first few weeks and several others had minor injuries at the time head coach Sue Hendee was interviewed.

"We have a lot of new faces on our team this year to replace some major holes left in our roster for a variety of reasons," she said. "Despite that, our experienced players look solid and our new players are settling in nicely. This year's freshman class has some very good players who already are showing the poise, skill, and confidence needed to play at the varsity level."

"With ten new players playing at the varsity level for the first time, the challenge

## Senior Bernazani to switch positions -- then switch to NE-10 Conference next year

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**WILMINGTON** - Over the last six or seven years, there's been quite the list of excellent players who have gone through the Wilmington High School girls' soccer program and went on to an elite collegiate level.

Just last year alone three players, Olivia Wingate (Notre Dame), Dana Goulet (Bentley) and Liz Gordon (Merrimack) made the incredible leap of playing Division 2 high school soccer to either Division 1 or Division 2 collegiate soccer, playing against some of the best players and programs in the area and certainly the country.

Next fall Gordon is going to a familiar face as a new teammate - someone she has been friends with for long time. Current WHS senior Alyssa Bernazani will be attending and playing college soccer in the Northeast-10 Conference as a member of the Merrimack Warriors.

Bernazani will bring a lot to the table for MC. As an attacking center-midfielder, she is fast, she has skill, she is versatile between being able to also play as a striker, she can pass, she score and she's also very knowledgeable in the game.

She was given a proposal back in May by Merrimack College longtime women's soccer coach Gabe Mejail and quickly accepted.

"They reached out to me two years ago and I was still not sure what I wanted in a college so I put it in the back of my mind," said Bernazani. "So then last year I started to look more into different colleges and then I reached out to Gabe and he said he would come and watch some of my (club team) games. After that he proposed an offer to me back in May. I then went to the summer program that they are in out of Lexington. I went with all of the girls who are on the team now so that was a lot

of fun."

Bernazani has played soccer since she was little and also played softball along with Gordon until she got into high school. Her parents grew up in Saugus, Mom was a dancer and Dad played hockey and ran track. Alyssa also has competed in track-and-field.

As a sophomore, she finished fifth at the state divisional meet in the 1,000 meters running a time of 3:07.64, which was 12 seconds better than her time a year prior to that and it was also one second off a school record.

"My Dad loves (when I compete in track)," she said. "He goes to all of the meets, takes pictures. He just tells me to stay relaxed all of the time and kick at the end. He always says that."

Alyssa's younger brother Chris, 16, a sophomore at WHS, also plays soccer, hockey and runs track.

"He's awesome," she said. "He is just really supportive. He looks up to me a lot and he's always asking me to go to the field and play soccer."

All of those days in the back yard, down the soccer fields kicking the ball around, have all been factors in Bernazani growing immensely in the sport.

"Alyssa told me over the summer that she had committed to Merrimack which will be nice for her to play

with Liz again," said Wilmington head coach Sue Hendee. "I think Alyssa has the speed to be able to play at that level and do a good job. It's always the great unknown because college is just so different."

"I know Gabe keeps a very large roster, close to thirty players. Gabe knows what he wants, has confidence in her, has seen her play and likes what he sees. She's a very dedicated player."

Last fall when Gordon talked about her future days at Merrimack, she said that she knew it would be a huge leap, and that she had to get bigger and much stronger to compete at that level. Bernazani echoed the same thoughts.

"The girls there are a lot stronger," she said, while adding she is contemplating taking on a double-major with biology and marketing as a minor. "Merrimack has some really fast girls so I definitely want to work on my speed and strength (next summer) and that's one of the reasons why I want to do track again (in the winter and the spring) so I can get back into that fast pace environment."

"I also need to go to the gym and lift some weights. I have talked to Liz and she said that she likes it there, that the girls on the team are all very nice. They went to New Jersey and she said that was a lot of fun."

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Wilmington High senior Alyssa Bernazani, shown here during last year's season, will be playing soccer next year at Merrimack College. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

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## WHS Football Preview

## Wildcats primed for another magical run

By MIKE IPPOLITO  
Sports Correspondent

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WILMINGTON -- Last season represented the start of a new era for Wilmington High football, as Craig Turner took over as head coach of the program. As opening acts go, it could not have been more impressive for Turner and the Wildcats, as they surged to an 8-3 record, including the program's first ever playoff victory when they beat Gloucester 30-0 in the first round of the Division 4 North playoffs.

Turner took over the Wilmington program after spending the previous four years as head coach at Mystic Valley Charter School in Malden and inherited a roster that included a talented group of seniors who would lead the team to a great season.

"I was really happy with our senior group last year. They kind of set the tone for how we need to do things going forward," Turner said. "Like I told them at the end of last year, I will always remember those guys as the first group we had here. They will be a special group forever. I really enjoyed that group. They came together as a tough senior class, and we kind of took on their attitude."

That special group of seniors included starting quarterback Graham Smith (74-for-162, 1,246 yards, 16 TDs, 245 yards rushing), as well as number one running back John Kenney (178 rushes, 1,128 yards, 14 TDs) and starting tight end Tyler Roberts (26 receptions, 416 yards, 7 TDs). Kenney will play college football at Endicott this year, while Roberts will play at Merrimack. Smith will play college baseball at Franklin Pierce.

"Not many programs have a second Tyler Roberts hanging around, or John Kenney for that matter. Those guys are tough to replace, but that's high school football. Kids come and go, and everything is cyclical," Turner said. "Those guys are tough to replace, not only their play on the field, but we kind of leaned on them to do a lot of different stuff, but that's life."

"Everybody is replacing people, and we just have to find people to fill those roles. It might take two or three guys to replace what Tyler did or what John did, but that's what you've got to do. You find different ways to go about it."

While those kinds of losses can be tough for any program to overcome, Turner



The captains on this year's WHS Football include from left, Connor Benoit, Kyle Kenyon and Peter Marino, who will play for Coach Craig Turner, who is now in his second season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

believes that the Wildcats bring back enough talent to have another successful campaign.

"We are pretty confident in our younger guys. We had a good JV team last year. Those kids had a lot of success and a lot of fun, and they all came back," Turner said. "We play in a tough league, and certainly our non-league games are very tough as well. But I think we can be successful. We have had a couple of weeks to figure some things out, and the kinds have been working hard."

One of the things that will most important for the Wildcats this year will be limiting their mistakes and turnovers.

"We just need to play more consistent. Early on in the season, we've kind of looked inconsistent in our scrimmages, especially offensively. If we took care of the ball, we would be a lot better too," Turner said. "That's what I keep telling the kids, is that we can't have three good and then two bad, or two good and then one bad, we just need to be more consistent, especially as we get into league play, because if you are turning the ball over and not playing consistently in this league you are going to get eaten alive."

One of the players Turner will be counting on most for that consistent, turnover free play will be senior starting quarterback Andrew Sullivan. Sullivan was the starter two years ago as a sophomore, but missed all of

last season due to a knee injury. He will be back under center this season, and Turner has liked what he has seen so far in his return.

"He has been a kid that since we started the 7-on-7 stuff in the summer, he has honestly progressed every day," Turner said. "Like literally, every single day, even in practice, it just feels like he is getting more comfortable, and more settled in to what we are trying to do, which is good to see."

Sullivan will lead an offense that should be able to attack defenses with multiple threats. Senior Pete Marino will start at halfback for the Wildcats, while senior wide receivers Kyle Kenyon, Connor Benoit, Jason Marquard, and junior wide receiver Bailey Smith will provide aerial threats.

Up front, to start the season, the Wildcats will be led by an offensive line of seniors Tyler Thomas and Nick Kullman along with juniors Pat McAndrew, Jared Venezia and Karl Saeid. The Wildcats right now are without two of their top offensive linemen to start the season, as both junior Dean Nally and senior Chris Medeiros are out with injuries. Neither injury is expected to be long term, and Turner is eager to see what this group can do upon their return.

"I know a strength of our team will be our offensive line when we are healthy. Right now we are kind of working with some young guys," Turner said. "That is

great experience for them because we are going to need those guys at some point this year, but we are going to bring a kid back who was a starter last year as a sophomore on an 8-3 team and a kid who was a starter last year as a junior on an 8-3 team, so when those guys come back our offensive line is going to be very tough. I expect that to be a good strength."

Along with Nally and Medeiros, Pat McAndrew will be another key to the offensive line's success. The 6'3, 260 pound junior showed in limited playing time last season just how talented he is.

"He was our best lineman last year before he got hurt after the third game and we lost him for the season," Turner said. "He has been exceptional so far this season. I think he is going to have a great year. He is a big kid and he is athletic for his size. There was no film on him last year because he only played a couple of games and because he was rehabbing his knee he couldn't really hit the college camp circuit this summer, but I really expect him to pop up on some people's radar this year. He is really a special kid."

Defensively, the Wildcats will be led by a talented group, starting with a secondary that will feature senior cornerbacks Marino and Jordan Olatilu and safeties Benoit and junior Christian Robarge.

Up front the Wildcats will

be led by senior linebackers Venezia and Colin Rooney, junior Bailey Smith and sophomore Stephen Smolinsky, along with defensive linemen Saied, Thomas and senior Kyle Kenyon.

"Defensively we are just athletic. We have a lot of kids we can put on the field that can run to the football," Turner said. "They really kind of fly around, so that is why we made the change from a 40 front to a 30 front, because we have more athletic kids that can play and play in space, so we are trying to find spots to get those guys on the field."

Defensively the player that has stood out the most for the Wildcats has been Smith at linebacker. Graham's younger brother, Bailey is in the process of making quite the name for himself after starting last year as a sophomore at inside linebacker.

"Bailey is probably the most important guy we have on the team. He makes every play and he is probably our most irreplaceable player. If we lost him we would be in trouble," Turner said. "He is a tough kid, and he comes from a great family. If I say jump he is going to say how high. He is just that type of kid. He is one of our favorites because of the kind of effort and intensity he plays with all the time."

The Wildcats captains will be Benoit, Kenyon and Marino.

"They have provided steady leadership for this group. I always tell them it is my program, but this is

their team. We are going to kind of follow their lead. That is what they are there for," Turner said. "They have done a good job so far of kind of being my mouthpiece. Nobody wants to listen to me yell all day, so sometimes it doesn't hurt to use them to get the message you need to send to the kids, and they have been helpful with that. They were great all summer in the weight room, and they led the group all summer with workouts. They were good players for us last year as juniors, and we need them to step up even more this year and carry the load as seniors."

As Turner mentioned, he will need the entire team to be at their best if they are going to compete in the Middlesex League Freedom Division.

"From top to bottom the league is going to be very good this year. Burlington is going to be a ton better, Melrose is Melrose, they are state champs," Turner said. "Stoneham and Watertown are two really good teams that won their section in the North last year, and Wakefield has a new coach who I have heard nothing but great things about. So as always and as last year, there are no easy games. It is a tough schedule and we need to be ready to tackle that."

For more about Friday's upcoming game, turn to SP11W.

## Injury kept him out all last season

## Sullivan back under center where he belongs

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WILMINGTON -- When Wilmington High senior quarterback Andrew Sullivan takes the field on Friday night against Shawsheen Tech to kick off the Wildcats 2018 season, he will be representing not only himself, his team and his school, but he will also be representing a family tradition that is one of the greatest in the history of the high school.

Even more importantly, he will be making a remarkable comeback from a gruesome knee injury that caused him to miss all of last season. Sullivan suffered the injury midway through the 2016 lacrosse season, costing the three sport athlete the rest of that season, as well as all of last football season and most of the hockey season as well.

While all of the Wildcats are undoubtedly excited to get the season underway, it is likely that Sullivan is more eager than anyone to take the field and show what he can do after a grueling rehab process.

"I am really excited for the season. It is definitely good to be back. We have a good team this year, so it should be a lot of fun," Sullivan said. "The knee feels good. I am very confident in it. It was six months straight of continuous going to rehab two days a week, and then two days working on it myself. It definitely got me where I needed to be heading into the season, so I am definitely excited about it."

Sullivan, who quarterbacked the Wildcats as a sophomore under the direction of then head coach Mike Barry, returns in a much different role this season. While the position may be the same, he is now a senior, and many of the players who led the Wildcats to their successful 8-3 record last season have graduated, thrusting Sullivan into a leadership role he did not have before. It is a role he is eager to take over.

"With all of those guys we lost from last year, it can be hard to get everyone back to doing what we need to do," Sullivan said. "But everyone is willing to do whatever they can to get ready. I definitely

feel like a leader out there and I enjoy that role."

Sullivan should be comfortable enough stepping into a leadership role. It certainly runs in the family. Andrew's dad, Gerry Sullivan was a former star player at Wilmington High and UMass Lowell and later went on to coach at Wilmington High, Merrimack College and Endicott College, and has provided plenty of guidance in that regard.

"My dad has been the best coach I have ever had, from the day I was born," Sullivan said. "He has always been coaching me. He played at a high level and coached at a high level, so he was a great person to learn from. He coached me every year at Pop Warner and I think by the end of it, our record was something like 38-4, over six seasons."

Sullivan's great uncle John Ritchie is also a former Wilmington High coach, and the number of Sullivans who have been through the Wildcats football program could form a very formidable team of their own. It is a legacy that Sullivan is

proud to live up to.

"I am the last of the 32 cousins I have on one side to come through the program, so I am very excited to be playing like all of my cousins have," Sullivan said.

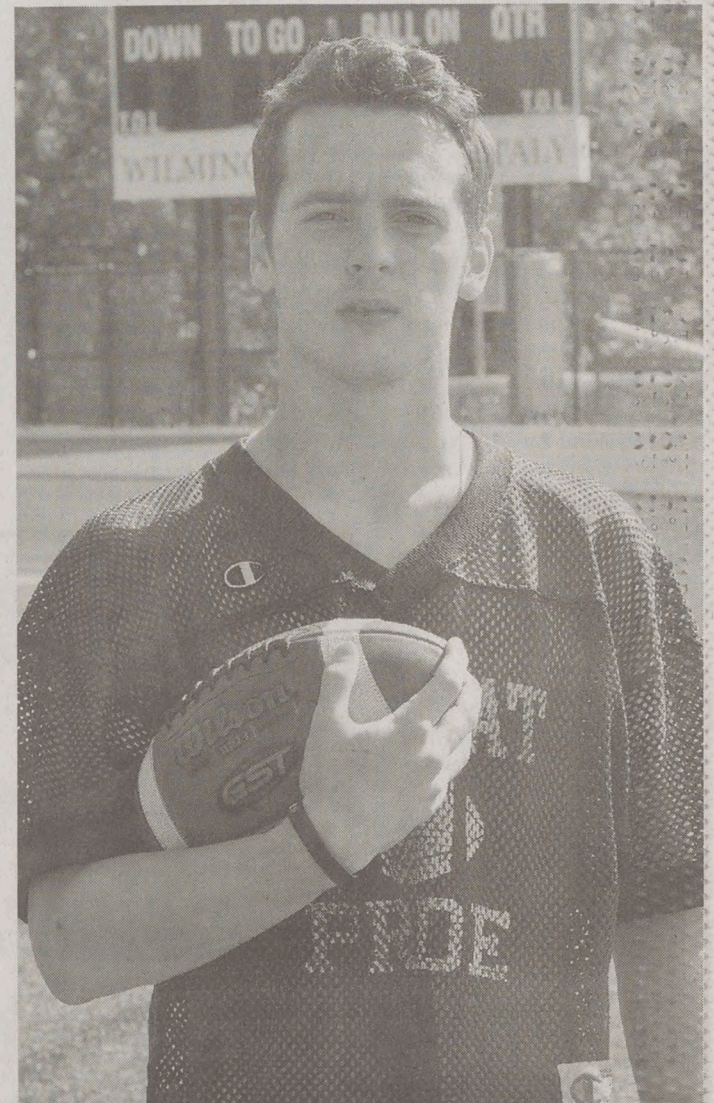
Andrew's mother Nancy Sullivan has quite the legacy of her own, not only at Wilmington High, but in life itself. Nancy, who was a cheerleader in high school before going on to coach the Wildcat cheerleading squad, is also a cancer survivor, having now been cancer free for eight years.

While his dad certainly provides plenty of football expertise and motivation, Andrew's mom provides an entirely different type of inspiration.

"I try to play every game for her," Sullivan said. "She loves watching me play, and when I was younger I didn't know how much longer I had to let her see me play, so I definitely have always played for her."

Sullivan's sister Shayna was cheering captain at Wilmington High in 2015, while his sister Jocelyn was the field hockey captain in

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# Sullivan back under center where he belongs

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2017. Jocelyn is currently studying at UMass Lowell, while Shayna just finished at the University of New England.

There is certainly a family legacy, but now it is Andrew's turn to make some history of his own, and he is confident that with the help of his teammates, he can do just that.

"With the amount of work we have put in over the summer, I think the sky is the limit for this team," Sullivan said. "We just need everyone to buy in, and I definitely think we can have a good year."

Sullivan's coach Craig Turner is also confident in his team this season, and Sullivan is a big reason why. Turner says that the improvement that Sullivan has shown in just a few weeks time has been remarkable.

"He has been a kid that since we started the 7-on-7 stuff in the summer, he has honestly progressed every day," Turner said. "I remember the first time I saw him in 7-on-7, I turned to one of the coaches and I said, we might be in trouble, and then the next day, I was

like, all right, we are going to be ok, and then after that it was like, wow, he is pretty good. Like literally, every single day, even in practice, it just feels like he is getting more comfortable, and more settled in to what we are trying to do, which is good to see."

And Turner feels like Sullivan is just scratching the surface of how good he can be, as he continues to work on facets of his game that had previously not been expected of him.

"We knew there was going to be some rust there, because he hadn't played football in two years. It's not exactly like riding a bike, you can't just hop on and do it," Turner said. "I keep telling him that by week three or four it is really going to click for him. We are asking him to do stuff he has never done before. I mean, when he was playing before, he was under center and was turning around and handing the ball off. Now we are reading people, and throwing run/pass options at people, and he is really kind of moving along in the right direction with all of that."

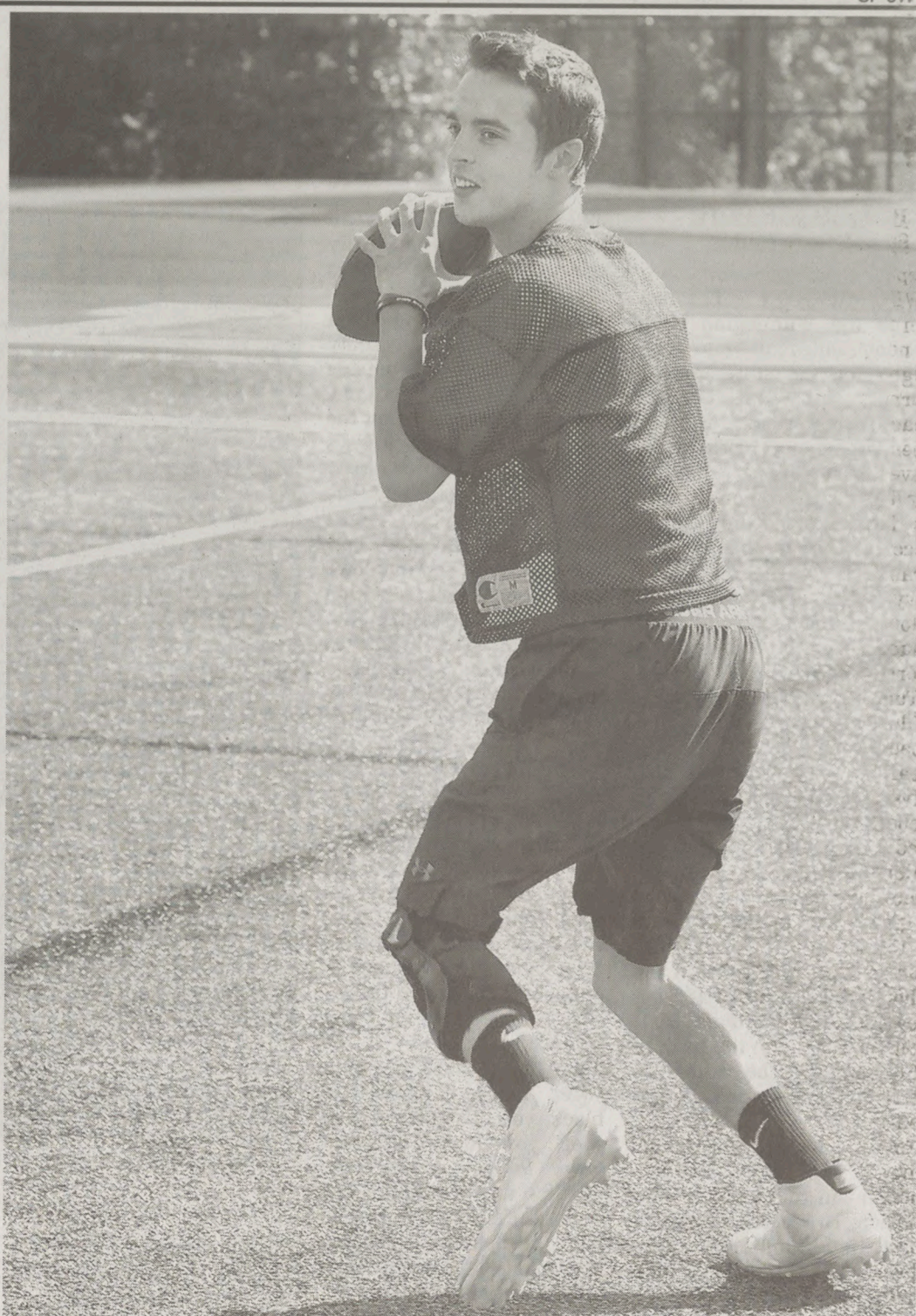
For his part, Sullivan is

looking forward to being the field general the Wildcats are looking for, and more importantly he is looking forward to running a prolific offense.

"I love being in charge of the offense, I love trying to make plays, and do whatever I can to help us get a win," Sullivan said. "My field vision is probably the best part of my game. I can see when blitzes are coming, and I like to call audibles to try and make something happen. It's going to be a fun offense this year."

With his combination of talent and work ethic, Turner is confident that Sullivan is ready to take his game to another level.

"The number one thing I like about him is that he is coachable. He takes to coaching and he listens. If we ask him to work on something, he will help us. If he sees a young kid make a mistake, and a coach doesn't address it, he will hop in and try to help out," Turner said. "He is a kid we have been very impressed with. He has been really good for us and has provided a stability and leadership for us that we needed."



Wilmington High senior Andrew Sullivan missed all of last football season due to a serious knee injury. He is back healthy, with the knee brace, and will be the team's quarterback this season. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com)

## Boston Herald Pre-Season Football Polls

### DIVISION 3 NORTH

1. Lynn Classical (8-3)
2. Lynn English (10-1)
3. Arlington (6-5)
4. Tewksbury (10-2)
5. Billerica (7-4)
6. Concord-Carlisle (5-6)
7. Danvers (6-5)
8. Beverly (3-8)

### DIVISION 4 NORTH

1. Wayland (7-4)
2. Dracut (4-6)
3. Marblehead (10-1)
4. Gloucester (7-4)

5. Melrose (13-0)
6. North Reading (7-4)
7. Wilmington (8-3)
8. Wakefield (4-7)

### DIVISION 6 NORTH

1. Stoneham (9-3)
2. Hamilton-Wenham (9-2)
3. Bishop Fenwick (4-7)
4. Ipswich (6-5)
5. Northeast (7-4)
6. Arlington Catholic (5-6)
7. Shawsheen (7-6)
8. Whittier (6-5)

## High School Football Schedule - Week 1

### Middlesex League

Arlington at Cambridge  
Milton at Belmont  
Newton South at Winchester  
Lexington at Brockton  
Malden at Melrose  
Reading at Wakefield  
Wilmington at Shawsheen  
Bedford at Burlington  
Stoneham at Arch-Williams

### MVC

Lowell at Billerica  
Methuen at Malden Catholic  
Lawrence at Tewksbury  
Acton-Boxboro at Chelmsford  
Andover at Franklin  
Dartmouth at Central Catholic  
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<b>2016 Honda Civic LX Sedan</b> HP6157, Red, 24K miles	<b>\$16,998</b>	<b>2016 Chevy Silverado Z71 Ext Cab LT</b> HP6040, White, 36K miles	<b>\$30,998</b>
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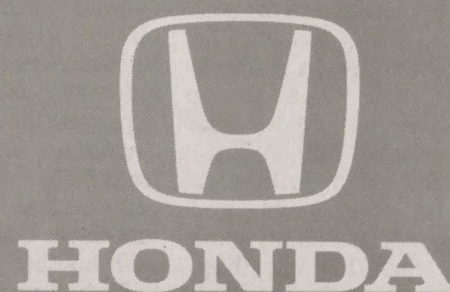
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## WHS Volleyball Co-Captain

# Gabby has a special 'Bond' on the courts

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WILMINGTON - The last time the Wilmington High School Volleyball team qualified for the state tournament, Gabriella (Gabby) Bond wasn't even in kindergarten yet. That was back in 2004.

The senior co-captain would like nothing more than to break that 14-year curse.

"We're looking pretty good (so far) and we are all very excited for the season," she said. "We have three or four starters back and we have been playing together for a long time. We're all confident that we can make it to the state tournament and then see how far we can go and how successful we can be. We're hoping it's our best season yet."

Bond, who is also will be a captain on this year's girls' hoop team, was asked if the long streak of not qualifying is the talk of the team, 24/7.

"No, but it's in the back of our minds," she said. "We just all want to do well and succeed."

Two years ago when Bond was a sophomore, the program introduced a new coach, Bruce Shainwald. At that time Bond didn't make the varsity team but was brought up half way through to earn some varsity experience for the team that ended up finishing 7-13. Last year as a junior, she was an outside hitter and part of the team that finished 9-11, falling just one win shy of qualifying for the tournament. The combined 16 wins over two years is the most the program has had since the 2010-11 seasons. She said a big part of that is the coach.

"I love Coach Shainwald," she said. "He's a great guy, he knows what he is doing. He puts players in all kinds of different positions to make them versatile. He goes over the basics but just makes everyone an all-around better player with different rotations. He wants to put in some plays this year like quicks, shoots and

slides and that has us all pretty excited. He just really knows the sport. He coaches club volleyball too."

As a junior, Bond played a full season with the varsity team as one of the outside hitters. She said that she learned quite a bit about the sport, and the different ways to excel as an outside hitter.

"I learned a lot, about the all-around position," she said. "You learn about how to get better at serve receive and then how you transition off the net and pass the ball. Then as a hitter, I learned about taking a strong approach to my hits so I can place the ball all over the court."

Being an outside hitter, you are the one who is set up for the so-called spikes. You can smash the ball, tip the ball - do whatever you can to get the ball over the net and get your team the point. Bond was asked about recognizing when she should smash it and when she should tip it.

"It depends on the defense," she said. "If the block set up, you try to tip it (over them), if there's no block, you can spike it, and then you learn different ways to get around the block, and around the defense. You just adjust to how the defense is playing you, and it's basically decided on the flow of the game."

Shainwald knows that if this year's team is indeed going to break the curse and reach the state tournament, he needs big seasons from everyone, including Bond.

"Gabby has been an impact player since the time we move her up from JV to Varsity two years ago," he said. "She has a great demeanor on the court, always focused, yet positive and supportive of her teammates. She hates to make mistakes - don't we all - but does not let them get to her. She's tremendously coachable. Although we are still working on changing some mechanics to make her more effective. She works hard at every practice and every game."

Bond said that she started her love for the game of vol-



The WHS Volleyball team will be led by co-captains Brittany Cimaglia, left, and Gabriella Bond.

(photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

leyball when she was in fifth grade and attended a clinic, but admitted that basketball is her No. 1 sport - she did formerly play in the WHS Tennis program during her freshman and sophomore seasons. She has three siblings, Benny, 27, Violanda, 23 and Enzo, 9.

"I love having a younger brother and my brother and I play volleyball and basketball all of the time together," she said. "I just absolutely love having him as a brother."

The Bond Family originated from Everett, as Gabby's parents Loney and Maria moved the family to Wilmington about ten years ago. Both Benny and Violanda graduated from Everett High, and neither of them played sports. So she was asked where she gets her athleticism from?

"My father for sure," she

said with a big laugh. "He was very good in football. He was a wide receiver at Everett High School and he was in the record books for having the longest receiving touchdown. He then went to UMass-Amherst but got hurt."

Did he play in the pros or anything like that?

"No, but he wanted to. He talks a lot about his football days and everywhere he goes, people remember him for football."

Gabby probably won't go into the record books at WHS, but her plans after high school should get her name in other record books.

"I want to go into the medical field and be a physician's assistant," she said as she ranks No. 27 academically in her class, while being a part of a number of clubs. "I want to find a college where I can focus on school. I would love to continue to play volleyball and basketball but if it's at the

intramural or club level that's fine with me. I definitely don't want to give up the sports. I just want to help people. That's what I've always seen myself doing, just helping people and I think if that's what I enjoy doing, it'll make my job easier."

"My brother Enzo is one of the reasons why I'm thinking about going into medical school because I love working with kids."

## Zuccaro officially named cheer coach

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WILMINGTON - As expected, it was announced recently by Wilmington High School Athletic Director Tim Alberts that Christina Zuccaro is the permanent head football and basketball cheerleading coach, lifting the interim tag.

"Wilmington High School is excited to have Christina Zuccaro as the head coach for both the fall and winter cheer teams," said Alberts. "Christina did a great job coaching the team last winter as the Wildcats competed in the Nationals in Dallas, Texas."

"The Wildcats also finished first among Middlesex League teams and finished fifth at the New England's. Most importantly, Christina is committed to the team off the mat, always keeping academics first and modeling respect, hard work, and commitment to her team."

Zuccaro took over on a last minute basis back in late January after the sudden resignation of then head coach Amanda Beddia. Zuccaro guided the team on very short notice to the Nationals held in Texas.

Before coming on as coach in the winter, Zuccaro cheered at both WHS (graduating in 2003) and UMass-Amherst. Since 2004 (minus a few years) she has coached cheerleading between Wilmington Pop Warner, and at East Elite and what's now called East Celebrity Elite Gym.

She has since married and has three children, Chase (7), Colton (5) and Jackie (1), her youngest, a daughter named after her wonderful grandfather Jack Smith. Christina is the daughter of former longtime WPW President and cheerleading coach Debbie Smith.

In addition, Christina is also the co-cheerleading coordinator of WPW and serves as the league's secretary.

**PRE-SEASON FOOTBALL**  
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released its pre-season polls and currently Wilmington is ranked No. 7 in the Division 4 North Bracket, behind Wayland, Dracut, Marblehead, Gloucester, Melrose, North Reading and Wakefield.

Those eight teams along with Boston Latin, Burlington and Revere make up the 11-teams fighting for the eight playoff spots over the next few months.

### SCHEDULE CHANGES

In last week's Town Crier,

we ran the fall schedules for all of the varsity sports and said all were subject to change. Alberts announced two changes with the WHS Boys Soccer schedule.

First, this Friday's home contest at the North Intermediate against Belmont has been bumped from a 4:00 pm start to 4:30.

Then the contest originally scheduled for October 11th home against Melrose has been moved to October 10th with a 7:00 pm start.

## WHS Volleyball Preview

## 'Cats hoping to spike the streak

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WILMINGTON - Over the last two years, Bruce Shainwald has done a terrific job as the head coach of the Wilmington High School Volleyball team. Each year the team has improved as he desperately is trying to get the program back on the state tournament map.

Not since 2004, when the team advanced to the Division 3 North Sectional semi-finals, has the WHS Volleyball team participated in the playoffs. The program had a combined record of 64-153 over 15 years, including a 5-15 mark in former coach Meghan Sheehy's final season of 2-15. Shainwald has guided the team to a 7-13 record and then a 9-11 mark last year, just missing out on the tournament by one win.

Wilmington lost some talent from last year's team with two seniors graduating and two other players not returning. The 'Cats lost sizeable height when Morgan Bresnahan graduated. However, despite the lack of height, this year's team returns a handful of players who have been with Shainwald since the beginning and he's hoping they can rally to put forth a successful and fun season.

"This is a very competitive group of players and promises to be a fun season," he said. "We are in a tough league with some strong programs. Hard to tell how many wins we will get, but I think this team will work hard for every point, and may be able to pull off some tough wins. I think these athletes are up for the challenge."

This year's team will be led by co-captains Gabby Bond and Brittany Cimaglia, both now in their third varsity seasons. Bond provides height and athleticism as a three-sport athlete and will play an outside hitter's position. Cimaglia returns as the team's setter and will run the offense out of a 5-1 format (as opposed to a 6-2, using two setters).

"This season, we probably have the most balanced team that we've had since I've been here," he said. "Serving looks like it will continue to be a strength, and it looks like we will have good passing this season as well. This should allow us to run a more balanced offense. We are going to run a 5-1 around Britt Cimaglia, one of our captains."

The other senior on the team will be Gianna Brunetto, who is also back for her third varsity season. She will also be an outside hitter.

The junior class includes middle hitters Savannah Andersen and Maeve Cadogan, outside hitter Raegan Sweeney, libero Anna Rideout and server Julia Willson.

The final two spots have been earned by sophomores Kylie DuCharme and Khrystyna Fedynyak.

"Gabby Bond, our other captain, will anchor our offense on the outside with Raegan Sweeney, now a junior, hitting outside as well," explained the coach. "Maeve Cadogan and Savannah Andersen will both be returning as middle hitters and look better than ever with another season of club volleyball experience."

"Kylie DuCharme, a sopho-

more, who got moved up to Varsity at the end of last season shows promise as a right side hitter and blocker. Khrystyna Fedynyak, another sophomore who got moved up last season, shows great promise as our primary Libero. She passes well and anticipates the ball, hits well, and serves well.

"I'm going to try to use a second squad so that we develop everyone. There are a lot of games squeezed into these upcoming eight weeks, and we need to be able to have a next girl up mentality if something happens and one of our starters misses a match."

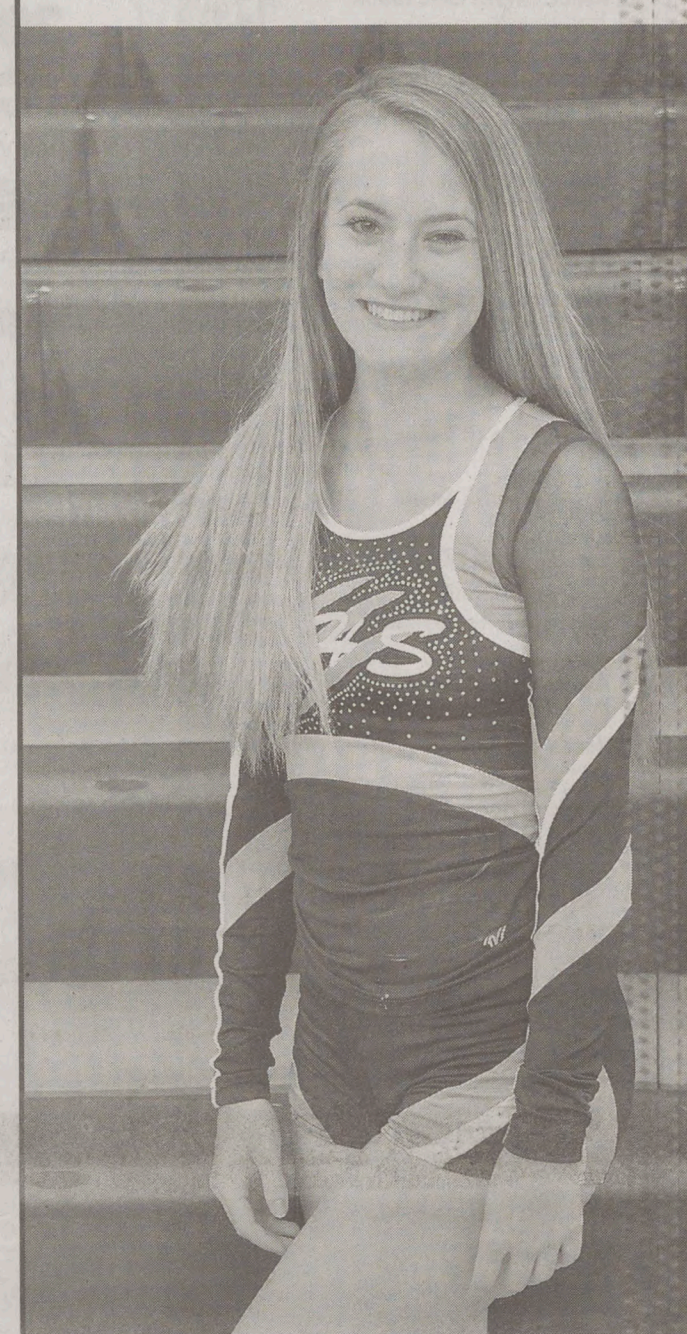
Wilmington got its season underway on Wednesday against Woburn, and the Tanners are coming off an 18-win season. Woburn as well as Winchester (19 wins) will be the two toughest crossover matches the 'Cats will face this season as other Middlesex League Liberty teams including Belmont, Reading, Arlington and Lexington did not make the state tournament.

In the Freedom Division, only Melrose and Burlington qualified for the tournament, with the former losing in the Division 2 state finals, and the later finishing with 14 wins and losing in the sectional semi-finals. The 'Cats will face Melrose and Burlington two times each, as well as Stoneham, Wakefield and Watertown.

In addition will be non-league games with home-and-home matches with Newburyport and Triton, old friends from the Cape Ann League.

The home opener will be Friday at 4:00 pm against Belmont.

## CHLOE MCCAULEY WHS CHEER CAPTAIN





## WHS Boys Soccer Preview

# Wildcats need to find some fire ... and a goal scorer

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WILMINGTON - Last year was certainly an up and down, inconsistent and somewhat frustrating season for the Wilmington High School Boys' Soccer team.

The Wildcats started off really slow, lost some games they should have won, and then poured it on later in the season, scoring more goals and piling up some wins. But in the end, the 6-10-2 overall record fell four points from a state tournament berth.

Veteran head coach Steve Scanlon is hoping that this year's team can use last year's season as one of those sports lessons so to speak.

"We're skilled enough, we're quick enough, but for us it's all about our work rate and our compete level," he said. "We've got to get more and play harder especially when you play in this (Middlesex) league. There's absolutely no nights off."

"We have the tools to compete. We have a lot of interchangeable parts which will be beneficial for us. Scoring may be a problem, and so far in scrimmages there's concern about guys not competing for balls in the box. We need to get some scoring and bring our competition level up."

"Last year we missed the state tournament by a couple of games and there were certainly missed some opportunities on some winnable games."

Wilmington lost a total of ten players from last year's team, with eight leaving due to graduation, and then Diego Garcia and Kyle Collins transferring out. That leaves 13 players

returning with varsity experience.

The team's three captains this year will be seniors Cam Martin, Noah Ferrer and Troy Riekstins. Martin heads up what could be a pretty solid defensive group. He was the lone player to make it to the ML All-Star team last year, and the year before that he was a Catholic League All-Star playing at Malden Catholic before he transferred back to WHS.

Joining Martin will probably be a combination of sophomores Alex Fitzler and Patrick O'Mahony in the middle, while seniors Marcus Barnes and Chris Spinazola will be the outside backs. Taylor Padlusk, a transfer from the Landmark School, Kevin Souza and Diego Martinez will also be in the mix.

The midfield could have a lot of changing parts. Clarke, Martinez, Souza and possibly Martin could see time there, while the rest of the group will include Riekstins as one of the attacking spots and junior Ryan Clarke in the holding spot. Ferrer, Aedan Vitale, Kevin Palmerino and Owen Surette will also be competing for positions.

Then up front as strikers, it will be a combination of Ankur Neogi, Rocco Scalfani, Aiden McGrath, Mark Rogomentich, Joe Consorti and Justin Kalman.

The final two spots have gone to the keepers, senior Andrew Days and sophomore Justin Healey.

"I like them both and I'm confident with both of

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The Wilmington High School Boys Soccer team will be led this season by its tri-captains from left, Cam Martin, Noah Ferrer, and Troy Riekstins (photo by Joe Brownphotos.com)..

## WHS Senior Captain Cam Martin

# Two-time league all-star -- in two different leagues -- ready to anchor defense again

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WILMINGTON - To enter your senior year as a two-time league all-star is pretty impressive. To enter your senior year as a two-time all-star in two different leagues is certainly impressive and basically unheard of.

That's the sheet on Wilmington High School senior captain Cam Martin.

And to get to become a two-time league all-star was a pretty big leap for Martin. He went from playing on the Wilmington High School Freshman team, to playing on the Malden Catholic Varsity team the following year, earning Catholic

Central League All-Star recognition. Then he came back to WHS and was a Middlesex League All-Star as a junior during Wilmington's 6-10-2 season a year ago.

"To be a two-time league all-star in two different leagues is pretty rare," said head coach Steve Scanlon. "He's probably our strongest player. He has good skills, he's tough, he's fast and he has a ton of energy and endurance. He logged a lot of playing time for us last year. He competes at a very high level and he's a very competitive player."

Martin was asked about changing schools, and uniforms as often as he did.

"I was here my freshman

year, then went to Malden Catholic my sophomore year, I played soccer and was a league all-star," he said. "Right after the season was over I came back to Wilmington. I came back more because of academics. My time was kind of occupied during soccer season and when that ended I realized that (Malden Catholic) really wasn't for me especially not going there as a freshman. It really didn't connect with the school that well so I figured I should just come back to Wilmington where all of my friends were and that would be best for me."

He came back to the WHS Soccer program and was an immediate impact. He was

central figure in the team's defense possessing foot skills, knowing how to possess the ball, pass, find the open player, while he was quick to his feet to stop opponents, and also carries a heavy leg for kicks.

Last year he settled in quickly but the team didn't play well out of the gates.

"We scored 25 goals last year as a team," he said. "We struggled at first and then when we were eliminated from (state tournament contention) we went on like a four-game winning streak."

"I just think that in the beginning (of this season) we need to hit mid-season form, be in shape and if we

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The Wilmington High School Field Hockey team is once again coached by Leanne Ebert, and her lone captain this season is Molly Foley. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## WHS Field Hockey Preview

### Wildcats replacing a lot of talent and experience

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

WILMINGTON - The 2017 Wilmington High School Field Hockey season was certainly a special and magical one. The Wildcats won 11 games in the regular season, knocked off two teams in thrilling fashion during the state tournament, all the while, then senior Jillian Miele broke the school's all-time scoring record. After knocking off Pentucket Regional and Gloucester in the tournament, the Wildcats put forth a great effort and were defeated by Watertown in the sectional semi-finals, the furthest any Wildcat team had gone in several decades (they probably would have reached the sectional final if the MIAA ever did the correct thing and move Watertown to Division 1).

When the whistle ended and that long fun journey ended for Wilmington, nine seniors would go on and graduate, most of them were athletes who were a part of the program for several years.

"We lost a lot of seniors and a lot of great athletes from last year's team, but I feel that this year's team has prepared themselves for what is coming up," said head coach Leanne Ebert. "This team seems to be willing to go where they need to go, fill in holes that need to be filled, work hard to be solid."

The strange thing is while the program lost nine seniors, the 2014 team has 14 current seniors on its 18-player squad.

"It is early and we have a playdate (held last Friday) so I think that will be

telling," said Ebert. "The girls were solid when we had the other scrimmages. They are hard-workers. They come prepared and ready to go and I don't have to remind them to do a lot of things, so they are already starting out ready to go right out of the bat so that's a step in the right direction in terms of the season starting out."

"They seem to be conditioned and they are excited for the season to start. They seem to have a chemistry already, and I still have a large group of seniors who are taking over so they are solid leaders, are accepting and willing to work with everyone."

At the time of the interview, Ebert said nothing was set in stone for positions with the exception of April Haines returning to the net.

"April is back in the net. She looks great, she is more comfortable, she is better at communicating with the defense. They trust her so they are willing to work for her knowing that she has that experience. They have confidence in what she tells them and she has been an intrical part to our pre-season so far working through some new players who are on the field," said Ebert.

The coach said that the plan is to run a 3-3-1-2-1 formation with either Dianna Riley or Molly Foley playing the sweeper-back position. Foley will also be used further up as a center-midfielder/top defender spot, but that depends on the team's opponent that day.

Other possible defenders include seniors Sophia Novak, Emily Gear, Sophia D'Amico, Emma Rhind and junior Katie McConologue, while sophomore Annabelle

Kane may be used at both midfield and defense.

The possible line-up for the midfield group includes Foley and Riley, along with senior Ryan Bailey.

"Some of the midfielders may start out on defense to help groom some of the newcomers we have back there. Then as the season moves on, they will step back up to the midfield spots," said Ebert.

Upfront, seniors Kacie Bourrell, Emily Wright, Leah Stalker, Gianna Zaccagnini, Meghan Canale and Kylie Flanagan will be in the mix as will sophomore Chase Anderson. Canale, Zaccagnini and Bourrell have looked very strong this pre-season and will probably lead the way putting the ball in the back of the net.

Senior Rebecca Ganley will serve in a utility role, perhaps playing in all three zones.

Wilmington opened the season on Tuesday against Tewksbury and return to action with the league opener on the road Thursday at Woburn (4:00 pm). The Wildcats home opener will be Saturday at 4:00 pm against Belmont.

Wilmington will once again compete in the Middlesex League Freedom Division along with Melrose, Burlington, Wakefield, Stoneham and Watertown and will play those teams twice each. In addition will be solo games against Woburn, Belmont, Reading, Winchester, Arlington and Lexington, the large school teams.

Besides Tewksbury, the Wildcats' other non-league game will be against Danvers.

## Wright, Haines blank Redmen in opener

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

TEWKSBURY - Emily Wright scored the lone goal coming with just less than ten minutes left in the first half to lift the Wilmington High School Field Hockey team to a 1-0 win over Tewksbury in a non-league season opening game for both teams played Tuesday afternoon.

Wilmington's Kacie Bourrell had the ball within the Tewksbury circle and sent a cross pass to the opposite side of the net and Wright was there to one-time the ball into the back of the net for the lone goal of the game.

"I felt like we dominated the game for the most part," said Wildcat head coach Leanne Ebert. "Tewksbury

had three corners and we had six. When they had scoring opportunities, (our goalie) April (Haines) was absolutely amazing and she when had to make a save, she made a big, big save. But I thought other than a few chances that they had, we pretty much dominated the game. We weren't afraid to get after the ball in the circle and fight for it which is what you want."

Besides the win and out-playing Tewksbury, Ebert was happy knowing that she got a lot from a variety of different players and not just the goal scorer and the goalie pitching the shut out.

"Molly Foley had a very strong game controlling the middle of the field," she said. "She played center-midfield and then late in the game I dropped her back to

sweeper to help protect the lead. When I moved her back, I switched Meghan Canale to Molly's spot and she was running her heart out and really stepped it up playing a different position that she's not accustomed to playing. Ryan Bailey had a strong game on defense, Kaci had a good game up front and she was close to scoring so many times."

"I said to the team after the game that this was truly a team win because we had girls filling in different positions giving some kids a break, or we switched positions because of the heat to give a kid a breather, and this was just a great all-around team win and a great way to start the season."

Tewksbury's first-year

## WHS Senior Field Hockey Captain Foley back to full throttle after serious knee injury

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

WILMINGTON - Molly Foley is the youngest of six children, and all five of her siblings were also athletes, following Mom and Dad. Molly watched Kaitlyn play soccer and softball, Shane lace up the hockey skates, Colin and Drew play hockey and soccer and Brendan run cross-country.

Throughout that time, she loved watching her older siblings play, and excel. As she got older and got involved in sports, they didn't forget their younger sister and came back from their college or work lives to watch her play. But over the last year-plus, she has only been able to play one of three sports, field hockey, as she missed out on multiple ice hockey and lacrosse seasons.

"I was diagnosed with Osteochondritis dissecans, in my left knee, when I was about nine years old," she said.

So for the past eight years, she has played those three sports but in a lot of pain. "Osteochondritis dissecans (OCD or OD) is a joint disorder in which cracks form in the articular cartilage and the underlying subchondral bone. OCD usually causes pain and swelling of the affected joint which catches and locks during movement".

Back in January of 2017, the pain was really starting to increase and Molly had to go on the IR for the second half of the ice hockey season.

"There's lots of blood flow to my knee and it caused my bones to break off and separate and my cartilage to thin," she further explained. "Last year in 2017, I had three procedures done in January, August and November. The one in January didn't affect field hockey whatsoever, but I missed the second half of the hockey season and all of lacrosse. Then I had the second procedure in August of last year and I didn't miss any field hockey. It was just a couple of weeks to do some cleaning up."

"Then midseason I found out that I had to have another surgery. I was able to finish the season and I promised myself that I would finish the season. Then the day after our team banquet, I had the third procedure. I wasn't supposed to play field hockey this season, but my physical therapists and my doctors were incredible. They were able to push me and luckily I'm going to be able to play this year."

That third procedure kept

her completely out of ice hockey and lacrosse during her junior year. Instead of keeping forwards out of her end on the ice, and running up and down the field in lacrosse, Foley instead went through those three procedures, wore a brace, went to physical rehab and worked endlessly at home trying to get that strength back in her knee.

"I was cleared to play (field hockey in) mid-July," she said. "I was supposed to be out a whole year which would have taken me through November, missing this entire field hockey season. I'm lucky because I got cleared after seven months. I'm a quick healer I guess. This is the first time that I've been pain free since I was nine years old. It's pretty remarkable."

While the physical recovery was indeed remarkable, certainly the emotional aspect was not so easy.

"It was a lot especially coming from such a sports oriented family. It's a lot that you won't be able to play. At the time, I didn't know how serious it was going to be and if I would ever play again. It was hard definitely and I just pushed through because I knew that I wanted to play sports again. I had a brace that I had to wear in school, when I played and I had it 24/7. I still have it and it's kind of my best friend," she said with a big laugh.

Last year Foley rotated between several different midfield and defensive positions. She played very well all season long and helped the Wildcats finish with 13 wins including two thrilling wins in the state tournament. The Wildcats reached the Division 2 North sectional semi-finals, losing to Watertown. It was the furthest any team had gone since well before she was born.

"We were really strong last year," she said. "We had a great group of girls. The seniors were incredible, talented. It was so much fun going that far and I don't think anyone really expected us to go that far. We just kept winning and every game just got so much better. It was just so much fun."

Gone from that team are nine seniors, but returning are 14 current seniors including Foley, the team's lone captain.

"Molly will play center-midfield and also stopper or sweeper, depending on who we will," said head coach Leanne Ebert. "She is just really solid and she can read the field and is very good at

communicating with all the other players. She is just such a hard-worker. She is the sole captain of the team right now and she has taken on all of the responsibilities and has organized everything. She couldn't be any more dependable or reliable flying solo (as the captain) right now. She truly deserves what you need."

"She is just an awesome athlete, awesome kid and she works through everything. She always has a smile on her face and she is just phenomenal. She's just an awesome young lady and the kids love being around her. I can't say enough about her. I'm just so proud of her, especially with everything she has overcome from that injury. She went through it all and she's just been great."

The team opened the season on Tuesday against Tewksbury and Foley said that no matter what happens from the first game to the last game, she will always have a smile on her face, knowing she is healthy. Playing the sport she loves and playing it with the teammates and friends she loves.

"Overall the team is looking really strong. We have a lot of new girls since we lost a lot of seniors. We have a really strong senior class with 14 of us and we are all super close, it's not that we are a team, we are literally best friends so no matter what happens, we know that we're going to have great chemistry and a lot of fun, no matter the outcome. I do think that we're going to be very successful this season," she said.

Successful or not in terms of wins and losses, Molly knows that she'll have all the support she needs with her large family in the stands.

"My family is the reason why I am who I am today," she said. "They are truly amazing. I know that everyone says that, but I like to believe that my family is special because we are such a big Wilmington family, we're so close even though we are so different in ages. Just to have everyone come back is great."

"I remember when I was younger, people would ask me if my parents would force me to go to my siblings games and support them and I would say no because we just love each other that much and we want to be there. I feel so honored and blessed that they are now coming to see me play even though they are in different parts of their lives whether it's jobs, relationships or kids."



Wilmington's Anaabella Kane fights for the ball with Tewksbury's Tori Schille Tuesday at Tewksbury High School. Wilmington won the game 1-0. (photo by Jim Vaiknoras).



## Two-time league all-star ready to anchor defense again

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can do that, we can get to ten wins (and make the state tournament)."

In order to do that, it's not only about scoring and defending, but it's more about playing together as a unit.

"We have 12 returning players - ten seniors, two sophomores (who are now juniors) and then we have five new sophomores and five new juniors. If we can create a chemistry and a bond, we can go far and make a playoff run," he said.

Martin has played soccer his entire life, well since kindergarten. He gave up

other sports to concentrate just on soccer, and would like to play in college, possibly at a Division school here in the state. He has interest in Westfield and Endicott, with perhaps the notion of majoring in Sports Management.

He added that sports has been a part of his life ever since he can remember watching his three half-siblings - Brennan, Ryan and Shannon Jones - all play at WHS.

"Brennan graduated in 2005 and was a captain on the undefeated football team," he said. "Ryan and Shannon

graduated in 2007 and 2009. I would say that I'm probably closest with my sister Shannon because of her age, but being around my brothers, they were all pretty athletic when I was growing up so I have always wanted to be like them. They were role models to me and the same with my sister. My sister played a couple of sports, she did volleyball and cheerleading.

"They were just always role models to me and they all inspired me to be as athletic as them."

## Wildcats need to find some fire ... and a goal scorer

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them," said Scanlon. "Andrew has the edge as of now because he has the experience, but we'll see how it goes."

Wilmington will once again compete in the Middlesex League Freedom Division along with Melrose, Burlington, Wakefield, Stoneham and Watertown and play each of those teams twice.

On top of that will be single games with Liberty Division foes Woburn, Belmont, Reading, Winchester, Arlington and Lexington. The schedule rounds out with non-league games with Beverly and

Billerica.

"In the league there's just a lot of iron," said Scanlon. "When you get to the cross-over games with Lexington, Winchester and Belmont, those programs are legit programs and just some of the best teams around. We will definitely be the underdog in those games. The (Middlesex League) Division 1 games and the non-league games are extremely important.

Then in the Freedom Division, Watertown is by far the cream of the crop. They are best skilled team in the league by far and after that I think every-

body else is in the mix."

Wilmington opened the season on Wednesday against Woburn and then will host Belmont on Friday afternoon at 4:00 pm at the North.



Wilmington High senior captain Cam Martin, shown here during last year's season, will be

## Wright, Haines help blank Redmen in opener

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coach Jordan Russell, who is a teacher at WHS, didn't get her first victory, but said she was pleased with the effort especially defensively.

"I thought we had a strong defensive game," she said. "Our stand out players were Jess Caredeo and Sofia El Hakim. Both of them play defensive midfielder spots and they controlled our game play. We're looking forward to a better game (on Saturday) against Rockport."

Russell said that Hannah Knoops, Ryan Quinn and Tori Schille all had chances

to score but were denied by the strong all-around game by Haines.

Tewksbury will travel to Rockport on Saturday morning and then Auburn on Monday afternoon for two more non-league games before hosting Lawrence on Wednesday beginning at 4:00 pm.

Wilmington will travel to Woburn on Thursday, before coming home Saturday afternoon (4 pm) to face Belmont, before going back on the road Wednesday to face Reading.

## Wilmington Travel Basketball League tryouts

Wilmington Travel basketball has announced their tryouts for the upcoming 2018-2019 season.

Wilmington Travel Basketball is a competitive basketball program for Wilmington boys and girls in grades 4 thru 8. Boys and Girls teams play in competitive leagues against teams from neighboring towns and cities.

The season begins in early November and ends in early March. Teams will practice 2 nights per week during that time with most games on weekends. The tryouts will be held at the Wilmington Middle School, the schedule of the tryouts is as follows:

Every player must attend one tryout to be considered for a team and attendance at both tryouts is strongly recommended.

Monday September 17th  
6-7pm Grade 6 boys  
7-8pm Grade 7 boys  
8-9pm Grade 8 boys

Tuesday September 18th  
6-7pm Grade 6 girls  
7-8pm Grade 7 girls  
8-9pm Grade 8 girls

Thursday September 20th  
6:00-7:10pm Grade 4 & 5 girls  
7:10-8:20pm Grade 4 & 5 boys

Monday September 24th  
6-7pm Grade 6 boys  
7-8pm Grade 7 boys  
8-9pm Grade 8 boys

Tuesday September 25th  
6:00-7:10pm 4th and 5th grade girls

7:10-8:20pm 4th and 5th grade boys

Thursday September 27th  
6-7pm Grade 6 girls  
7-8pm Grade 7 girls  
8-9pm Grade 8 girls

Registration for tryouts will take place the night of each tryout. A parent or guardian must bring their son/daughter to the tryout and complete a waiver form. Please arrive approximately 20 minutes prior to the start of your scheduled time in order to register. There is no fee to tryout.

There will also be a parent informational question/answer session during each tryout session. If you have any questions, please contact Wilmington Travel Basketball President Joe Maiella at (josephmaiel-la@gmail.com).

Third grade girls will be permitted to tryout at the 4th grade girls tryouts and may be selected for a 4th grade team only to complete a roster.

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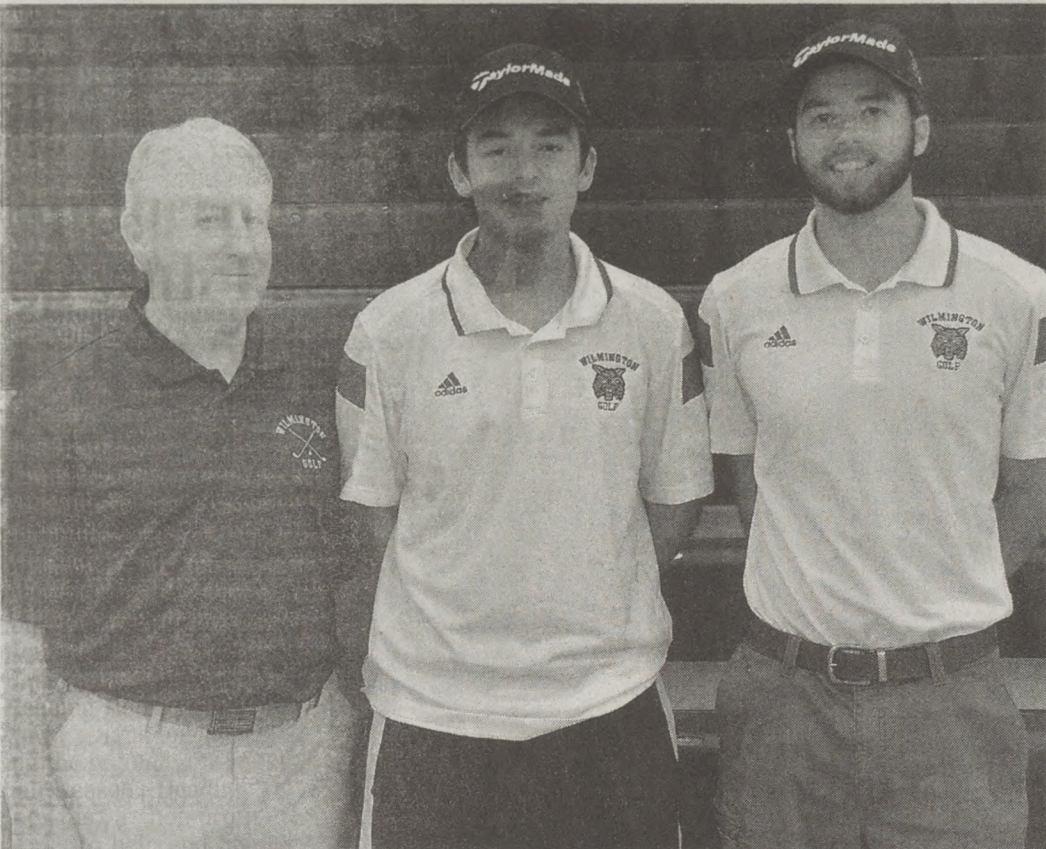
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The Wilmington High School Golf team will again be under the direction of Head Coach Steve Lynch with this year's captains, Gavin Kelsey (middle) and Chris Stokes. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

### WHS Golf Preview

## Young squad ready to drive past ML foes

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**NORTH READING** -- Heading into last season, Wilmington High Golf coach Stephen Lynch felt like he had a team that could compete with the top teams in the Middlesex League, as the squad featured a season laden group of experienced players.

Safe enough, he was proven correct, as despite some bumps in the road, the Wildcats battled to a 5-7 overall record, which led them to a second place finish in the Middlesex League Freedom Division, earning them a spot in the Division 2 North Sectional Tournament, their first tournament bid in a dozen years.

But while last year was certainly a step in the right direction for the program, the biggest reason for the success was that talented group of seniors that the Wildcats have now lost to graduation.

Overall, the Wildcats lost 11 seniors to graduation, including top players Billy McEvoy, Dan Gracia, Jack Boyle, Ben Maynard and Bobby Lord among others, leaving a large void for Wildcats coach Steve Lynch to fill as he enters his 12th

season as head coach of the team.

"That core group, we knew when they started four years ago that not only were they very good at golf, but also that they loved golf and they were committed to it enough to improve," Lynch said. "They did that through the course of their careers and I was happy to see all of that hard work pay off for them last season."

A new year, however, brings new challenges for Lynch and the Wildcats as this season's roster will feature a number of inexperienced players who will be seeing their first year of varsity golf.

"I knew this year could be a rebuilding year," Lynch said. "When you lose 11 kids off of a roster of 16, that is tough, and then we have no JV team so that is a problem. I knew we would be a little thin in terms of numbers and that has been the case."

Lynch had 13 players try out for the team this season, with a wide range of abilities in terms of golf experience. Overall the Wildcats roster features three seniors, four juniors, four sophomores and two freshmen.

Leading the way for the Wildcats this season will be

their top two players, senior captain Chris Stokes at number one, and junior Zach Kincaid at number two.

"Chris has been with us for four years and has worked his way up. He is a solid player and I have a lot of respect for him. He is a good kid and a gentleman and is a good representative for his town and for his high school," Lynch said.

"Zach has been our low scorer thus far and has looked very good. He started every match for us last season and we are looking for another good season from him this year."

Seniors Gavin Kelsey and Nolan Fitzgerald will fill the next two spots for the Wildcats, while freshman Rhiannon Dymont, the only female on the roster, has also earned a spot in the starting lineup.

"The rest of the roster is a work in progress, it is sort of in a state of flux, but the kids are working hard and trying to improve every time they are on the course," Lynch said. "It's hard to say what kind of season we will have, but I can tell you that these kids will show up to every match, keep trying to improve and play their best every time they go out there."

# Getting a kick out of being the 7-time league champs

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will be to see how quickly we can come together to use our strength as a team. It is always our goal to qualify for the post season, and it is a priority to repeat as Middlesex League champions. Both of those goals are important to the ten seniors, and I am hoping that their leadership will get us there."

Hendee enters her 31st year as head coach and 32nd year with the program, being a part of it since day one. The program is now 11 wins shy of 300, and she is 18 shy of 300, and also has nine league titles.

On top of that, there's a large handful of former players currently playing at various D1, 2 and 3 colleges, most notably Olivia Wingate at Notre Dame, Kayla McCauley at Northeastern, Dana Goulet at Bentley and Liz Gordon at Merrimack. One of Gordon's former teammates is Alyssa Bernazani, a senior on this year's team who will be playing next year with her on the Warriors squad.

Last year Bernazani was moved from her normal position of attacking-midfielder to forward because the team had lost so much firepower up front including Wingate, who was out injured all season. This time around Bernazani is back as attacking center-midfield with the offense running through her feet.

"I'm dropping Alyssa back to midfield and I know she is going to play there in college," said Hendee. "The only reason why I pushed her up to forward last year was because I wanted and needed someone with experience at the forward position because we had lost everyone. She had said at the time that she had played forward for her club team, so I moved her up."

"Now that I'm more confident in the forward line and the fact that they have all played and are looking pretty decent, I'll drop her back to one of the attacking midfielder spots."

Senior tri-captain Cassidy Collins will be the second center-midfielder, playing the holding spot. Also in the mix as midfielders will be

seniors Olivia Rourke and Jessica Wargo, sophomore Jenna Sweeney and freshman Amanda Broussard.

Senior Gina Mastroilli will split her time between mid-field and forward, while sophomore Amber Flynn, who was terrific all last year coming in to play defense after two starters went down, is currently out for several weeks but when she returns will most likely play midfield.

"There is just a lot of unknown right now," said Hendee. "One thing I have to say about the girls in my program is that when things start to go sour, somebody else steps up. Like last year when Thea (Aliberti) and Tori (Sheehan) went down with injuries, that was half of our defense, we had a few girls, always somebody new and they always come through."

Both Aliberti and Sheehan - the team's two other captains - are healthy and back to anchor the defense. Both are talented players. Aliberti went down early last year with an ankle injury and came back late but certainly wasn't 100 percent. Sheehan was hurt in the pre-season last year and never came back.

Freshmen Kaitlyn Maguire and Audrey Curdo have opened up some eyes and should see time back there, while senior Kayla Bourrell will split her duties between forward and defense. Adding depth will be senior Hailey Collins and sophomore Samantha Papastathis.

Heading into last season the biggest question was upfront, and who would score the goals. Between Bernazani, as well as Jocelyn Palmer, Madi Grace and Annie Wingate, the four of them scored their share but most of that came later on in the season.

"Last year I know we struggled to score because we were very young (upfront) so I'm hoping with that experience we will improve there," said Hendee.

Freshman Kali Almeida and Alyssa Granara are also strikers.

The last two spots on the team have been earned by

goalies Alyssa Morrison, a junior, and Victoria Gemellaro, a sophomore. Neither have a single varsity minute under their belts, but both have competed very well through the early stages of the season.

"Alyssa will start," said Hendee. "She played defense last year on the JV team. She split time as goalie during freshman year. She has the confidence, she does a lot of things right. Both Alyssa and Tori are athletic. They need to learn the finer things like positioning and obviously the pace of the game is much faster so they need to react quicker, but they do have good reaction time because they both are pretty athletic and their lateral movement is good."

"Their communication is pretty good and that's always a big thing with a keeper and they just comes with more confidence."

The two keepers will be working along side with volunteer coach Shane Kligerman, who came on last year to help out the program.

"Shane is a teacher at the high school and he helped us out a bit last year," said Hendee. "This year he will be mainly working with the goalies. He played at Peabody High School, and had never coached before so last year he got his feet wet with us. Over the summer he went to a clinic, primarily to help him coach goalies so I think he's going to be a real good addition with us."

Wilmington opened the season on Wednesday at home against Woburn with results not known as of presstime. The 'Cats will again compete in the ML Freedom Division along with Melrose, Burlington, Wakefield, Stoneham and Watertown and will play each of those two teams twice, and then have one league cross-over game with Division 1 foes Woburn, Belmont, Reading, Winchester, Arlington and Lexington.

The other two non-league games are with Beverly and Tewksbury.

## Bernazani to switch positions -- then switch to NE-10 Conference next year

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This will mark Bernazani's third year with the varsity team at Wilmington. As a sophomore, she played attacking midfielder, before being shifted to forward last year.

"The only reason why I pushed her up to forward last year was because I wanted and needed someone with experience at the forward position because we had lost everyone," said Hendee. "She had said at the time that she had played forward for her club team, so I moved her up. Now that I'm more confident in the forward line and the fact that they have all played and are looking pretty decent, I'll drop her back to one of the attacking midfielder

spots."

Last year as a junior, Bernazani scored nine goals for the 'Cats. She helped the team capture its seventh straight - third for her - league title and enter the state tournament. There the 'Cats were matched up against league rival Winchester, and were defeated, 3-1. Right before half-time of that game, she got injured.

"I remember taking a touch when the defender tried to stop the ball and stepped on my foot hard enough to break my fifth metatarsal bone (in my foot)," she said. "It was the last game of our season. I played on it the rest of the game. I think I was all on

adrenaline as it really didn't hurt that bad, but I knew something was wrong. I got it checked out and it was broken."

"Then track was starting so I couldn't do it which I was upset about. I'm hoping to be able to do it this year."

The broken bone in her foot forced her to be on crutches, then an air cast and she was forced to sit out all of the indoor track season. Bernazani said that she is hoping to run track again this winter, but is unsure because of her possible conflicts with club soccer.

Until the winter comes, she will be back wearing No. 6 and helping the Wildcats to a possible eighth straight league title.

"I'm pretty confident about this season," she said. "We have a lot of talent, especially with the underclassmen as we have five freshmen this year. We lost some midfielders but I think we still have strong enough players there, same in the back. We are pretty solid with almost two full defensive lines. I think the team is doing well in practices right now. We just have to get that cohesiveness together and I think we'll be good."

Heading into this season, the Wildcats are relatively younger and less experienced. The team does have some firepower upfront, which allows Hendee to move Bernazani back to midfield to strengthen the middle of the field but at the same time still score some goals.

"She scored a lot for us last year and scored in a variety of ways - head, off crosses if she was in the middle or on the outside. She and the forward line in cast have done a really good job of connecting to one another," said

Hendee. "Alyssa has come a long way. You wouldn't think it, but she's a very tough kid. Very rarely do one of my kids get pushed off the ball and she doesn't."

"A testament to her toughness was last year in the state tournament game against Winchester, she

actually broke her foot and we didn't know. We went back in and played. You have so many small bones in your foot and I'm not sure if someone stepped on her or collided with someone as I don't really remember what happened, but yeah she went back in with a broken foot."

## Youth Lacrosse announces Fall Skill Program sessions

Wilmington Youth Lacrosse has announced that it will once again be holding Fall Skills Programs for Boys and Girls in grades 1-8.

The program consists of six weeks of learning additional skills and age appropriate plays. No prerequisites but full equipment is required.

Register on our website: [www.wilmington-lax.com](http://www.wilmington-lax.com). Cost: \$50.00 per player

Walk In Registration: \$10 per session which will be held on Sundays - Sept. 9th,

16th, 23rd, 30th, Oct. 14th and Oct. 21st.

No session on Columbus Weekend. All sessions to be held at Yentile Farm Recreational Field.

The Boys will start at 3pm or 4pm - depending on numbers. WLL will split age groups appropriately.

Girls will start at 4pm - If there is an overwhelming number of registrants, we will open up an additional hour and split by grade level into two sessions.

Make up date for any cancelled sessions due to weather will be Sunday Oct. 28th.

# Where's the Action?

Day	Date	Sport	Opponent	Time
<b>Wilmington High Sports</b>				
Thursday	September 6	V Field Hockey	at Woburn	4:00 pm
Friday	September 7	V Volleyball	vs Belmont	4:00 pm
Friday	September 7	V Boys Soccer	vs Belmont (North)	4:30 pm
Friday	September 7	V Football	at Shawsheen Tech	7:00 pm
Saturday	September 8	V Field Hockey	vs Belmont	4:00 pm
Saturday	September 8	V Girls Soccer	at Belmont	6:00 pm
Monday	September 10	V Golf	vs Amesbury	4:00 pm
Wednesday	September 12	V Field Hockey	at Reading	4:00 pm
Wednesday	September 12	V Volleyball	at Reading	4:00 pm
<b>Shawsheen Tech Sports</b>				
Thursday	September 6	V Golf	vs Northeast	3:30 pm
Thursday	September 6	V Girls Soccer	vs Chelsea	4:00 pm
Thursday	September 6	V Volleyball	vs Chelsea	4:00 pm
Friday	September 7	V Volleyball	at Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm
Friday	September 7	V Football	vs Wilmington	7:00 pm
Monday	September 10	V Girls Soccer	at Assabet	4:00 pm
Tuesday	September 11	V Golf	at Nashoba Tech	3:30 pm
Tuesday	September 11	V Volleyball	vs Essex Tech	4:00 pm
Wednesday	September 12	B/G Cross Country	vs Gr. Lowell	4:00 pm

## Wingate buries another goal to lead ND past Cincinnati

**NOTRE DAME, Ind.** -- The University of Notre Dame women's soccer team scored two second-half goals in the final 30 minutes of the match to come away with a hardfought 2-1 comeback victory over Cincinnati on Thursday evening. Freshman Olivia Wingate of Wilmington and senior Karin Muya scored the Irish goals in the winning effort.

The Bearcats jumped out

in front in the 58th minute.

The Bearcats didn't hold the lead for long as the Irish found the equalizer minutes later. Wingate brought the ball into the box from the left side and fired a strong shot towards the far corner past the keeper for the goal. It was the second straight game that Wingate has scored for the Irish.

Less than ten minutes later, the Irish struck again to take the lead. Notre Dame

had numbers in the attacking third and Jenna Winebrenner sent a cross in from the right side. The ball took a few bounces across the face of the goal until Wingate got to it and put a shot on goal. Cincinnati's Madison Less made the save for the Bearcats but Muya came streaking in and struck the rebound into the back of the net.



## WHS Girls Cross-Country Preview

# With numbers up, it's time to compete

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

WILMINGTON - The last few years the Wilmington High School Girls' Cross-Country team has taken its lumps with very small rosters and very few wins. Perhaps that's about to change this year.

Coming off an 0-7 (0-5 in the Middlesex League Freedom Division) season, the 2018 Wildcats team will feature several athletes who have experience in track coming over to try distance running in the woods. All in all, 19 girls are the roster, which is almost four times the amount over the athletes they had in each of the past few years.

"I told the girls at the end of last year that my big goal was to be 3-2 overall," said head coach Brian Schell. "It will be our first winning season in over six years and we have the talent to do so. Watertown's numbers are extremely low, Burlington we technically beat last year, and last year's league champs Stoneham graduated all but one of their top seven runners."

"We have the talent to do it, but it is going to take a while to get back to where we were at the end of last season. They have done it before so we can do it again and then some."

Junior Gianna Misuraca is one of the athletes who has come over from the track programs. She has progressed at a steady rate in the distance events, mostly the two mile over the last two years and she will be one of, if not the team's top runner this season.

"Gianna has been my top distance runner during the

track seasons last year and is coming off of a strong spring season," said Schell. "She will definitely fit in with the team and her work ethic and training over the summer has been great."

Holdovers Sam Burke, Amie Russell, Allie Jordan and Angie Ciampa will all be in the mix. Russell is the lone senior out of the group, Burke has been one of the more consistent runners in the program the last few years and she and Jordan are juniors and Ciampa is a sophomore.

Besides Russell, the other two seniors on the team are Emma Garrity and Julia McLaughlin, both also coming over from the track programs. Garrity has really emerged into a terrific middle distance runner the last year-plus.

"Emma much like Lexi last season is joining to stay in shape for the upcoming track seasons," said Schell. "She too came off a strong winter and spring track seasons. She will primarily compete in just the home meets, but based on her speed and her endurance at practices, she will be able to push with our top runners to help achieve our goals."

The other members of the team include juniors Joanne Arulraj, Hannah LaVita and Gabriela Villalta, sophomore Aaliyah Abel, Maggie Bourgeois, Miriam Nelson and Carissa Rubin as well as freshmen Angelyn Ciampa, Olivia Erler, Lauren Giuliana, Olivia Rogers, Lillian Perriello and Talina Khalil.

Wilmington will open the season on September 18th home against Reading beginning at 4:00 pm.

## Fourth annual Alonardo Memorial 5K race set for October 6

The fourth annual Tony Alonardo Memorial 5K Road Race event will take place on Saturday, October 6th at the Town Common.

The race starts at 9 am. You can register online through October 4th at [racewire.com](http://racewire.com) -- search for Tony Alonardo registration. Walk-up registration will be held the morning of the race beginning at 7:30 am (cash or checks only please).

A free t-shirt will be given out to the first 100 registrants. Additional t-shirts will be available for purchase the day of the event for \$20.

All of the proceeds from the race will go to a yearly scholarship in honor of Tony Alonardo. The scholarship is

given to a WHS senior, and the recipient has to have participated in at least one sport at any level at the high school, and also submit a one page essay.

To date almost \$10,000 has been given out in scholarships to various graduating seniors over the years.

Some of the money raised also is used to help offset college expenses for Tony's two daughters.

You may also send donations and may do so by a check to: Tony Alonardo Fund Inc., 296 Shawshen Ave, #8; For credit card donations, please enter your donation amount on the Racewire Form in the additional donations sections or at [www.TonyA5K.com](http://www.TonyA5K.com).

## Ninth annual Heritage Golf Classic, September 28

The Angelo Giuseppe Roncalli Lodge #2183, Sons of Italy of Wilmington and the Italian Heritage Month Committee, are proud to announce the Ninth Annual Italian Heritage Golf Classic in celebration of October as Italian Heritage Month on Friday, September 28, 2018 at the Merrimack Valley Golf Club in Methuen.

The committee invites you to participate in a great day of golf, food and fun. As in the past, 100 percent of the proceeds from the golf classic will benefit the Alzheimer's Association, Cooley's Anemia Foundation and the Italian Heritage Scholarship Fund. Over the last eight years, the tournament has raised \$35,000!

The entry fee per golfer is \$125/00, which includes greens fee, golf cart, a player gift, continental breakfast, Italian sausage sub at the turn and a luncheon buffet. Golfers may register individually or in teams of

four; individual golfers will be placed on a team. Prizes will be given to first, second and third place teams. There will be contests on the course, a 50/50 raffle and a raffle table at the luncheon. Tickets are available for the luncheon only, at \$35.00 per person.

The tournament is a shotgun start and a scramble format. On the day of the tournament, registration begins at 7:30 am and tee time is at 8:30 am. If you are not a golfer and would like to support our charitable golf tournament, sponsorships are available. You may sponsor a hole for \$100 or a golf cart for \$50 or provide a gift certificate that will enhance our raffle table.

For further information on participating in the tournament, sponsorships or donating a gift to the raffle, please call Tournament Chairman Kevin Caira at (978) 657-7734.



The senior members on this year's WHS Girls' Cross-Country team include from left, Julia McLaughlin, Amie Russell and Emma Garrity. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## Three-sport athlete, ranked No. 3 in academic class

# Russell going the distance at Wilmington High School

By JAMIE POTE  
Sports Editor

WILMINGTON - When she was little, the thought of taking advice from her older brother Ray wasn't something Amie Russell ever wanted to do. But once she got older, and the two of them bonded as siblings, it was his advice that her to become a three-sport athlete at Wilmington High School.

"When we were little we used to fight like cats and dogs and it was not pretty," said Amie with a big laugh. "Then we got older, we worked together. He would encourage me to join track, he would run with me so I got into better shape so he's always been a very supportive brother and it's just wonderful to have him."

Ray was also a three-sport athlete, competing in soccer, and indoor and outdoor track. Today he is attending UMass-Lowell and studying Biochemical Engineering. Back when Amie was about to start high school, she was unsure if wanted to participate in sports, nevermind choose one or multiple ones and Ray suggested that she join the track teams.

"It's nice because no one is going to compare me to my brother," she said, noting that she does the field events and he did middle-distance to distance running in high school. "My mom was a sprinter and my dad was a distance runner so that's kind of odd how that worked out."

Amie's mother Heidi grew up in Hong Kong and came to the United States for college and graduate school. While attending college she helped tutor another student in calculus. That student Bill, who came from Salem, Mass., became her husband.

Amie was asked if the family ever goes back to Hong Kong?

"I go every other year to visit our family," she said. "It's nice and I've been there so often so I have a routine. We get to visit our family and my grandparents. It's always one hundred percent humidity, one degree weather so it's not the greatest feeling, but I'm pretty proud of it. I like being a first generation."

While Mom, Dad and her brother were known for running, Amie is more of a track athlete, performing in the shot put and discus. After starting up on the track teams during her freshman year, she joined the cross-country team as a sophomore because she liked the program's atmosphere, and she wanted to stay in shape for her throwing events. (Head coach: Brian Schell helps me with my (daily) workouts," she said, while also giving a lot of credit to volunteer coach Joe Patrone for his coaching in all three sports. "I'll still run with the team, I'll still do workouts with the team so I can stay in shape for the actual races, but he will let me lift weights more and do strength work to help me with my next track season."

The last few years the Girls' Cross-Country team has struggled to field enough runners on the team to compete in league meets, which in turn results in a lot of losses. This year that's not the case at all as a total of 19 girls are on the team.

"I think the team is going to do pretty well and a lot better than last season," she said. "We added Gianna Misuraca and she is really fast and I'm really excited to see her race. I feel like

she is going to excel her. She worked very hard over the summer so I think she's going to be great. We have more girls than we had before and I think the additions from the track program will definitely help a lot because some of them are distance runners."

With the small numbers, at least you were able to get close as a team. You need more people but what we have had the last few years has still be good. Everybody is close, everybody has tried their hardest and we were a solid team."

Last year's team finished 0-7 but with some additions of athletes coming over from the track programs, Russell feels as if there's realistic chance that not only will the team win a meet, but perhaps several. "I'm obviously not the fastest," she said, adding that she runs consistently in the 23-minute mark. "I leave that to Gianna, Sam Burke and Allie Jordan, who got a lot faster and I expect her to keep this up. I'm really excited about this season. I feel like we're going to meet our goal and maybe finish 3-2 (and above .500)."

Last year Russell was in the middle of the pack in terms of Wilmington's finishers during the league meets. She knows that she most likely will never finish first and there will be times when the 3.1 mile trek takes a bigger toll on her than usual, but if you attend any of the indoor or outdoor track meets, you know that it's teammates like Russell who get you through those tough races.

"When you're running, it's very tiring and there's a lot of times when you say to yourself 'I really want to walk'. If you hear someone

shouting for you or cheering for you, you get past that because that thought is going to be with you the entire run," she said about her incredible spirit for her teammates. "You are always thinking 'I'm tired, my lungs hurt', so when you just hear someone cheering for you or supporting you, it just reinvigorates you and makes you want to keep on going. It pushes you to give you that little extra to get you to where you want to go and to make a certain time."

While she runs around 23 minutes, Russell has really improved in her throwing events, up to 32 feet in the shot put and almost 90 in the discus.

"Having coached Amie for three years now, she is clearly a well rounded athlete," said Schell. "Being my top thrower just about every season, she runs a strong 5K and has that strong gritty attitude to push herself to her limits. Like a lot of the girls on the team, she does this to stay in shape and use it as an off-season for other higher priority goals."

"Her work ethic is great both during and the off-season I know when it comes time to compete, she is definitely an intimidatingly focused individual, heck even the boys get scared. She is the definition of a student-athlete excelling both in sports and being one of the top in her class."

Russell ranks No. 3 in her academic class. She is looking at the possibilities of attending Tufts University, UMass-Amherst or even possibly UML. She is unsure if she wants to study to become an engineer or enter the medical field.

Perhaps she should ask her older brother for some advice?

## Annual Half Marathon/5K, September 23

WILMINGTON, MA - Coming this September runners are invited to Wilmington as the Chamber of Commerce will host the 14th running of their Half Marathon and 5K Run or Walk on September 23rd.

Conveniently located north of Boston only a half mile off Rt. 93 on Rt. 62, the run will start at Waltham Street and wind through Wilmington's scenic back roads to finish back at the start. There is ample free parking. The Half (13.1 miles) and 5K (3.1 miles) are on courses that are USATF certified and flat, fast and well marked. Over 500 athletes participate each year.

A Great Value! Entry fees are:  
Half Marathon - \$35 Pre-Registration / \$40 Race Day  
5K Run/Walk - \$20 Pre-Registration / \$25 Race Day  
Students (18 and younger) - \$15

Race Time:  
8:00 am - 9:30 am -

Registration and Sign-in  
9:45 am - Racers/Walkers to Start Lines at 10 Waltham St.

10:00 am - Shotgun Start for both races.

Both races start and finish at 10 Waltham St.

Three Ways to Register:  
1. Online by 9/20: [www.ChamberRace.RaceWire.com](http://www.ChamberRace.RaceWire.com) (by credit card)  
2. Mail registration form & check made payable to: Wilmington/Tewksbury Chamber of Commerce, 226 Lowell St., Suite B4A, Wilmington, MA 01887. Visit [www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org/race/](http://www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org/race/) to download registration form  
3. Race Day registration begins at 8:00 am

Bib Pick-Up:  
Saturday, 9/22, from 8 am - 10 am at the Race Site OR on Race Day from 8 am - 9:30 am

Race Amenities & Perks:  
USATF Certified Courses  
Professional B-Chip Timing

Race Drawstring Cinch Sack (guaranteed for first 500 pre-registrants)  
Mile Markers & Water Stops

Awards for Top Overall Finishers  
Medals to Top 3 Race / Age / Gender  
Medals to Half Finishers  
Ribbons to 5K Finishers

Family Fun Festivities include:  
• Music, Hot Dogs, Fruit, Ice Cream  
• Sponsor Booths with Raffles & Giveaways

Premier Sponsor:  
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See Chamber website for listing of all 50 race sponsors. Race proceeds benefit college scholarships, various community donations, and the operations of the Chamber. Contact the Chamber at 978-657-7211 for additional details or visit: [www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org](http://www.wilmingtontewksburychamber.org)

Post Race Party:

Runners who show their race bib on September 23rd at Red Heat Tavern (300 Lowell Street) will receive half off appetizers.

Sole Sisters Running Club: While many local running clubs participate in the race every year, it has become popular with athletes from Wilmington's Sole Sisters Running Club. Many of the 300+ club members will compete in either the Half or 5K, while others are out on the course providing motivation and manning water stop stations.

Team Kelli: For the 9th year, Team Kelli Family and Friends will reunite to run/walk in memory of Kelli Agati Murray. Kelli passed away in June 2010 leaving behind five beautiful children and a town filled with family & friends. Race proceeds are used each year to fund a scholarship in Kelli's name which are presented by Pat Agati in May.



No. 1 runner to lead cross-country team again

# Injury helps Packer find his true calling in running

By JAMIE POTE  
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WILMINGTON - Three years ago as a freshman, Ben Packer wasn't particularly enjoying his athletic career. He was a member of the Freshmen Boys Soccer team, and before he fractured his wrist during a practice, he was second guessing if this was the right sport for him.

About six months later, after back-to-back track seasons in which he enjoyed and had success, he wanted to try his first 5K road race. He did and came across the finish line with a time of 20:30.

"I remember the next day (Track and Cross-Country) Coach (Brian) Schell coming up to me and asked me 'did you really run 20:30?' and I said 'yes' and I was kind of freaked out (by the way he was asking)," explained Packer. "Then he said 'well you should definitely run cross-country' and my reply was 'OK'."

And the rest is history. Packer, a senior now, is coming off an incredible season as a junior. He was the team's No. 1 runner all season, was the team's lone league all-star, he was the team's top performer at the Division 4 Eastern Mass Meet where he helped the Wildcats finish third and advance to the All-State Meet for the first time in program history.

"I knew watching Ben at the end of his freshmen year

that he had what it took to be a strong distance runner," said Schell. "He has those tall lanky/bounding strides and his endurance has built up over the years. It has been great to see his passion for running grow in such a short time. He is a hard working and smart individual who also sets the standard as a student-athlete. Ben is always looking for a way to get a workout or a road run in. He is one I know I don't have to worry about putting the effort in and setting goals and working to achieve them."

Since running that 20:30 time in a road race outside of the high school team, Packer has trimmed down his 5K time down quite dramatically. His best time at the high school course is 16:43, his best time at the hilly and difficult course at the state meets in Wrentham is 17:20, and his best 5K overall time is 17:19.

"I put a lot into it," he said. "Once I realized that I had a good base and endurance and I could build it up even more, I really thought that I could kick-off and do something great."

And he has. Besides cross-country, he is the top two-miler on the indoor and outdoor track teams running a best time of 10:20. Between the three sports, certainly cross-country seems to be the top one, especially considering what the team accomplished less than a year ago.

"Last year's season was a

real big surprise," he said, while also giving a lot of that credit to Schell as well as volunteer coach Joe Patrone. "I don't think at the start of the season that we really expected ourselves to place at the divisional meet but as the season went on and we starting winning some meets, we realized that we would probably be strong competition at the state level."

Wilmington finished third at the Division 4 Meet behind Newburyport and Plymouth South. That advanced the program to the following weekend's All-State Meet, the first time ever a Wilmington team had advanced as one of the state's meet. The entire team returns, including the others in the top five with

Greg Adamek, Joe Lydon, Kevin Elderd and Thomas Goodwin, who all finished within the top 53 spots.

Packer said that all of the runners did quite a bit of work over the summer. He logged about 250-300 miles, which he said was probably second to Elderd. Nonetheless, the entire team is back intact and ready to make some noise.

"We look pretty strong this year," he said. "Last year we finished third in the divisional meet and then went on to All-States. This year we are really going to try to win the Division 4 Divisional Championship and move onto All-States again and hopefully place high there. It's a lot of pressure and it's going to be a lot of hard work."

"I think everyone here is really dedicated and everyone who finished in the top five at states last year are all returning. The people on the team just seem really, really strong and really dedicated."

Besides his dedication to running, Packer is also very dedicated to his studies and his family. He ranks 11th in his academic class, would like to attend Boston University and perhaps become an oncologist. He realizes that if he attends BU, he won't be running for the Terriers but said that he will always run for the rest of his life, while he will also be a Great Big Brother for the rest of his life with siblings, Ryan, Nate and Eric.

"Definitely a lot of responsibilities and baby-sitting,"

he said laughing when asked about his days growing up with three younger brothers. "Now I'm a chauffeur driving my brothers around everyone. But I loved growing up as the oldest, and three younger brothers. If I just had one or two brothers, it just would not be the same. We were just always the team, just the four of us were always together. We were just a pack. We all had common interests. I feel like being the oldest one gives you a lot of enthusiasm and you always have each other's backs, and you fight for each other."

"We are just really close and I loved growing up with the three of them. We have the normal brother-sister fights but in the long run, we really stand for each other."



The senior members on this year's WHS Boys Cross-Country team includes front row from left, Kevin Elderd, Adam Curdo, Vincent De la Cruz, and Thomas Goodwin and then back row from left, Benjamin Packer, Max Duong, Bruce Veliz and Sam Vince. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

## WHS Boys Cross-Country Preview

# Coach not running away from some lofty goals

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WILMINGTON - Coming off the greatest season - in terms of competing at the state level - the Wilmington High School Boys' Cross-Country team feels as if they haven't accomplished anything just yet.

They have just scratched the surface.

Last year, the Wildcats finished the regular season with a 3-2 record against Middlesex League Freedom Division opponents and 3-4 overall, losing both cross-over meets to the large school teams.

After that came the Division 4 Eastern Mass Divisional Meet and there the Wildcats made history by finishing in third place - the best in program history - which qualified Wilmington for the All-State Meet for the first time in program history the following weekend.

That 2017 team didn't have any seniors on it, thus the entire team returns.

"I told the boys at the banquet last season, that my main goal is to be state champions (this year)," said head coach Brian Schell. "We are currently ranked second to Plymouth South. However, I told the team that former Cape Ann League rivals Newburyport still have the fastest kid in the division and breed distance runners."

"We also know that Holliston is a well coached team and they always have talent so I know he will push his team."

While Schell has gigantic, lofty and certainly a reachable goal considering that the 'Cats had six of the top 59 finishers at the divisional meet and 21 of those runners from opposing schools have graduated.

"The big question going

into this season will be which other teams have that same goal, and which runners from those teams put forth the training in the summer? Knowing the other teams, we are a little behind in our training and will get a big glimpse against Reading our first opponent who is as good if not better than Plymouth South.

"The biggest thing that is going to get us that title is teamwork, running together as a pack through training during practices and races, and putting aside individual egos and making those needed sacrifices."

The team's top five runners from last year's divisional meet are returning and they include Ben Packer (22nd, 17:20.27), Greg Adamek (25th), Joe Lydon (28th), Kevin Elderd (49th) and Thomas Goodwin (53rd).

Packer, Elderd and Goodwin are seniors, while, Adamek and Lydon are juniors. The other seniors on the team include Adam Curdo, Vincent De La Cruz, Max Duong, Bruce Veliz and Sam Vince.

The other juniors consist of Alexander Boehm, Matthew Chisholm, Jake Danieli, Brian Elderd, Joseph Hartzell, Nolan Kennedy, Andrew Lee, Daniel Maenza, Richard Stuart and James Valente.

The team also has three sophomores and nine freshmen. The tenth graders include Ryan Dunn, Sean Lydon and Sean Riley. The ninth graders include Emir Abdula, Jeandre Abel, Brian Curdo, Jayden DeFrancesco, Will Doucette, Joseph Dynan, Nathan Packer, John Ware and Zachary Weinstein.

Wilmington opens the season on September 18th at home against Reading at 4:00 pm.

## Shawsheen Tech Volleyball Preview

# Rams will dig deeper this season for more wins

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BILLERICA - It would be fair to say that the win total for the Shawsheen Tech Volleyball team last season was not what the Lady Rams or then first year coach Anne DeMarco were looking for, as the team struggled to a 5-14 record, struggling in particular during the second half of the season when they dropped their final seven matches.

But it would also be more than fair to say that the success or failure of last season was far less about wins and losses and much more about many inexperienced players on the team gaining varsity experience for the first time, while also adjusting to play-

ing for DeMarco after she took over for former coach Dick Barriss.

"It felt like we were always two steps behind all season," DeMarco said. "We had to teach them how to move and how to dig a ball, and a lot of other things they just didn't know. A majority of the kids gained a tremendous amount of experience which should help them this season."

Based on what she has seen in practice so far, that experience seems to be helping already.

"We are starting off right where we want to be. We are getting a lot more done in practice," DeMarco said. "We are already working on strategies instead of just teaching them the game."

We really didn't start that last year until the last week of the season."

And it is not only the players who are benefitting from a year of experience. DeMarco is also much more comfortable in her role as she enters her second season. While she had been around the program for several years as Barriss' assistant, it was still a big transition to the role of head coach.

"I am way more organized this year. I think last year, I knew what I wanted to do, but it was harder to implement," DeMarco said. "I think any coach who takes over a team knows it won't be easy. I expected there would be a little pushback and I got it. This year, I

expected them all to come back buying in from day one and they have done that."

While the Lady Rams did lose five seniors off of last year's squad, they bring back a strong core of players who DeMarco is confident can help lead them to a winning season.

One of the players DeMarco will be counting on most will be senior captain and middle hitter Katie Morrissey. DeMarco is confident in Morrissey's ability to help the team both on and off the court.

"She is a leader, and she is the kind of leader that holds the team together," DeMarco said. "She binds everyone to the right atti-

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The local players on this year's Shawsheen Tech Volleyball team includes from left, Sophia Reg (Wilmington), Marissa Brangiaforte (Tewksbury), Christa Davis (Tewksbury), and Allyson Haley (Tewksbury). (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



# Shawsheen Football team chomping at the bit to get going

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Last season represented another year of success for the Shawsheen Tech Football team under the direction of coach Al Costabile, who has led the Rams for the past 20 seasons. Shawsheen was 8-5 overall and captured their second straight CAC Upper Division title with a perfect 4-0 mark within the league.

They also picked up a win in the quarterfinals of the Division 6 North playoffs with a 22-8 victory over Whittier, and nearly pulled off an incredible upset over Stoneham in the semi-finals before falling 44-39. Additionally, they also earned a win over Diman in the semi-finals of the state vocational tournament before falling to Assabet Valley in the finals by a score of 12-7.

Overall, it is hard to dispute that it was a very good season, but it also left Costabile, who has compiled a 133-86 record during his time at Shawsheen, wanting more.

"It was a very good season. To win an MIAA playoff game and win a semifinal game in the vocational tournament are both great accomplishments, not to mention winning the league," Costabile said. "But there is also the bitterness of the loss to Stoneham and a tough loss to Assabet at home. Those are things you would like to have back, but we played a lot of football and we got some big wins. There were definitely more high points than low points."

The Rams lost several quality players to graduation off of last year's squad, including starting quarterback Cody Sughrue of Tewksbury, who accounted for five touchdowns (four passing, one rushing) in the loss to Stoneham and had an outstanding overall season. They also had to say goodbye to the versatile Sam Baker, who provided multiple threats on offense at wide receiver and running back. They will also be without defensive standouts Chris Lucas and Brendan

Studley of Tewksbury, who provided many big plays from their defensive end positions.

"You hope to be able to replace those guys and have a good season," Costabile said. "The good news is that right now we are undefeated and the kids have a great attitude," Costabile said. "We have a good nucleus of players that are returning starters or saw a lot of time last season, and they are looking forward to having a good season, as are the coaches."

One of the players that Costabile and the coaching staff will be counting on most this season will be senior quarterback CJ Zemetres of Tewksbury. Zemetres started the first four games of last season for the Rams when Sughrue was out of the lineup, throwing three touchdown passes and leading the Rams to a 2-2 record. Costabile is hopeful that the experience Zemetres gained last season will ease his transition back into the starting role.

"He got some very valuable time. That is a significant amount of experience, with a couple of tough non-league games," Costabile said. "He got christened on the road against Wilmington in the season opener in front of a big crowd on a Friday night. That will make a big difference for him when the regular season rolls around."

Joining Zemetres in the Rams backfield will be starting senior running back Stephen Saint-Juste, who rushed for two touchdowns last season after taking over the running role late in the season and senior fullback Omar Eldaly of Wilmington. The Rams will also feature a talented wide receiver duo of junior Josiah Martinez of Wilmington (14 receptions, 192 yards, 4 TD's) and senior Ryan Quinones (20 receptions, 457 yards, 5 TD's).

"Both of them had great years," Costabile said. "They both made some unbelievable catches last season. That's a nice amount of experience we have in the passing game with the two of them and with CJ, so we are hoping



The Shawsheen Tech Football team opens its season at home on Friday against Wilmington. Pictured are the members of the team who reside in Wilmington and will be going up against their friends. The group includes front row from left, Josiah Martinez, Connor Rooney, and Diondre Turner, and back row from left, Jordan Hamel, Omar Eldaly, Frank Irizarry and Cam Hamel. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

that is something that is a strength for us."

Junior wide receiver Connor Rich and junior tight ends Santino Garofalo of Tewksbury and Connor Rooney of Wilmington will provide additional threats in the passing game for the Rams.

Providing protection up front for the Rams will be sophomore Jonah Varallo at left tackle, junior Shane Stairs at left guard and junior John Wermecke at center. The right side of the line is still up for grabs with several players still battling for playing time, but the left side should be a strength and Wermecke should par-

ticularly strong at center. "John started 13 games for us at center last year as a sophomore, so we are expecting him to do well," Costabile said. "That kind of experience definitely helps us."

Defensively the Rams will be led by a pair of talented inside linebackers, where Stairs and fellow junior Pat O'Leary have been impressive in the preseason, while senior Brian Caldwell looks like he could be a force at outside linebacker.

Quinones, Saint Juste, Martinez and sophomore Diondre Turner of Wilmington will lead the defensive backfield for the

Rams. "Diondre has been showing a lot of promise," Costabile said. "He can play both cornerback and safety."

Seniors Omar Eldaly and Frankie Irizarry, both of Wilmington, will anchor a strong defensive line. Costabile is looking forward to big seasons from both Eldaly and Irizarry.

"Omar is a tone setter for us. He brings back a ton of experience, and he provides great defensive pressure on the quarterback," Costabile said. "Frankie has great pass rushing ability. He has long arms and he gets pressure with his speed. He will be a quality pass rusher."

While teams will certainly be gunning for the Rams as two time defending CAC champions, Costabile says the Rams will be challenged heavily by Greater Lawrence and Northeast, the two teams they shared the league title with two years ago, and beat by a combined total of five points last season.

"Northeast brings back a lot of players from last year and they are going to be very tough," Costabile said. "And Greater Lawrence brings back their great quarterback from last season, so they will be very good once again."

## Wilmington to travel to Lyons Athletic Complex for season opener

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BILLERICA -- Bragging rights will be on the line Friday night when Wilmington High and Shawsheen Tech meet for the second year in a row in the season opener for both teams, with a 7:00 pm kickoff at the Charles H. Lyons Athletic Complex at Shawsheen Tech.

It is the second chapter in the renewal of a rivalry that resumed last season when Wilmington came away with a 27-14 win at Alumni Field. Prior to that, the teams had last met in 2008 and 2009, with Wilmington also coming out on top in those contests by scores of 27-0 and 35-2, respectively.

While the rivalry was dormant for several years, when Craig Turner was named as head coach at Wilmington prior to last season, it didn't take long for Shawsheen coach Al Costabile to get on the horn to congratulate his friend and get the wheels in motion to resume the rivalry. The two had come to know and respect each other while Turner was the head coach at Mystic Valley Charter School in Malden for the four years prior to coming to Wilmington.

"When I got the job at Wilmington, Al was the first one to call me and congratulate me and from there we talked about playing each other," Turner said. It seemed only natural after having played him a lot when I was at Mystic. He is a very dear friend of mine." Costabile had similar words of praise for Turner and his coaching staff at Wilmington.

"Craig is a good friend and I have tremendous respect for him and for his Sean Turner and for the entire coaching staff at Wilmington," Costabile said. "It is a great group of guys, and I was very happy for all of the success they had last season."

Both teams are coming off outstanding seasons last year, with Wilmington going 8-3 and winning their first ever playoff game, while Shawsheen was 8-5, winning the CAC championship as well as both an MIAA and Vocational playoff game. Both teams, however, will look a lot different than when they squared off last season, with each squad under the direction of a new quarterback, with Andrew Sullivan taking over for the Wildcats and CJ Zemetres of Tewksbury calling signals for the Rams.

There are plenty of other changes as well for both teams on both sides of the ball and both coaches know they will have to be at their best if they want to come out on top on Friday night. Their friendship will get put aside for a couple of hours on Friday night when the teams take the field, but each coach knows that the other will have their team well prepared for the rematch.

"It is a great test for us getting ready for a tough Middlesex League schedule," Turner said. "Al's teams are always tough and physical, so we will have to be at our best. If you do it well against them, they will make you pay."

"They've got a very good team, and it is a big test for us to open against a team

like that," Costabile said. "I know Craig and his staff will have them ready to go. He always does, they are always very well prepared."

While a season opener would have players, coaches and fans pumped up regardless of the opponent, both

coaches also acknowledge that there is a little something special about opening up against a neighborhood rival.

"When two neighboring teams like this face each other, it always brings out a great crowd. We had a great

crowd last year in Wilmington and I am sure we will have the same thing this year at Shawsheen," Costabile said. "I know that our kids are excited to face them and I am sure it will be a great atmosphere."

"Last year was a great

crowd and a great way to open the season," Turner said. "It is a friendly rivalry and I know our kids are excited for a chance to play them and I am sure they are excited for a chance to play us."

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The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Girls' Soccer team includes front row from left, Jordan Quick, Emily Freitas, and Ella Malvone and back row from left, Ashley Pelletier, Kayla Ward, Amanda Howell, Celina Barczak, Isabel Manning and Talia Steed. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).

Missed state tournament last two years

## Shawsheen gearing up to make a push for playoffs

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BILLERICA – For many years, it was a foregone conclusion that the Shawsheen Tech Girls Soccer team would qualify for the state tournament, as the Lady Rams earned a spot in the post season for 11 consecutive seasons from 2006-2016 under the direction of coach Doug Michaud.

The past two seasons however, have seen the Lady Rams be a little bit snake bit, as they have fallen short of the tournament by just one game in each of those years, including last season when they finished 7-9-2, coming up just short of the tournament when they lost their season finale to non-league rival Burlington.

Michaud, who has presided over some outstanding teams at Shawsheen, knows there is no magic formula for his team to pick up that extra win they need this season. All he knows is that they have to go out and get it, however they can.

"Our goal as always is to get to the tournament, we just need to get that one more win," Michaud said. "I don't know the answer as to how to get it. This is the first couple of years that it has happened to us, so it not something we are used to. I know one thing, and that is we would like to clinch a spot earlier in the season, so we are not under pressure at the end of the season to get a win."

The really frustrating part for Shawsheen last season is that they did not have a bad season at all. On the con-

trary, they were 6-3-1 in the CAC Upper Division, which was good for third place in the league, behind Essex Tech and Mystic. And Shawsheen battled both of those teams very well, losing to Essex twice, by one goal each time, while they tied Mystic once and lost the other matchup by one goal.

"Looking back on it, we were in it all the way to the end," Michaud said. "All we had to do was win one more game. We are right there. There is no reason why we shouldn't get to the tournament this year. But there was no reason why we shouldn't have been there last year either."

In fact, this year might be even tougher to qualify for Shawsheen, as they lost ten seniors off of last year's squad, including Emily Langone, a three year starter at goalie. Despite the losses, however, Michaud is confident that he is bringing a good group back this season as they shoot for that elusive tournament berth.

"You just hope to get some good freshmen coming in and you hope some JV players can fill some roles for you," Michaud said. "We had forty kids try out and I think we have a pretty good group of talented players."

Two of the most talented players for Michaud will be two players that the Lady Rams had to do without last season due to unforeseen circumstances. Shannon Fitzgerald and Riley Lage, both juniors at the time, were injured in a major car accident prior to the season

and basically lost for the year. Lage did make it back late in the season, but was less than one hundred percent, and Fitzgerald missed the entire year. Both players, now senior midfielders, are back at one hundred percent, and Michaud couldn't be happier to see them both, first of all healthy, and second ready to contribute to the team.

"At the start of the year, I thought we were going to do really well, but losing them really hurt," Michaud said. "I was looking forward to seeing what they could do, but we lost them for the year. It will be great to have them both back as seniors."

Three other seniors Michaud will be looking to contribute this season will be forward Meghan Brown, midfielder Monique Kazelyan and forward Becca Smith of Tewksbury. All of the seniors will serve as captains for Shawsheen. Michaud will be looking for Smith to provide some quick strike offense for the Lady Rams.

"Becca has a lot of speed and a lot of drive for the net," Michaud said. "I think she can do really well on the outside for us. She is pretty quick and we can use her in a number of roles."

Junior Maddi McKenna of Tewksbury returns to the Lady Rams for another season after an impressive debut as a sophomore last season, and she will be joined by a number of sophomores, most of whom saw significant playing time last season as freshmen.

Two of those sophomores, forward Maya DiMino and

outside hitter Talia Steele have opened some eyes in the early days of training camp, and Michaud is looking for continued improvement from both young players.

"I am pretty excited about both of them. They are both great players who will be starters for us and I think will be really strong players," Michaud said. "Talia makes a lot of great decisions and has a lot of strength down the side. I may move her around a little, because she has a great sense for the game."

The Lady Rams will be led on defense by four sophomore defenders, Eryn Ward, Jacqui Megna, Caitlyn Amidan and Jesse Duggan.

The defenders will have to be strong for Shawsheen, as the team is faced with the daunting task of replacing Langone, who had brilliantly served as their last line of defense for the past three seasons. The goalie position is still wide open at this point, with several players competing for the starting job.

The CAC Upper Division will once again be challenging for the Lady Rams, with Michaud pointing out that there will be no easy games within the loop.

"Mystic keeps getting better every year and Essex is attracting more and more students and getting better and better," Michaud said. "And at the coaches meeting, I heard that Greater Lowell had a great turnout this season, so I think they will be tough as well. They are all good teams."

### Boys Soccer Preview

## Talented core of players return for Coach Severo

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BILLERICA – If a team could carry momentum over from one season to the next, the Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer would be a lock for being one of the top teams in the CAC Upper Division.

After a slow start last season, the Rams were nearly unbeatable down the stretch, going 5-1-2 over their final eight games to finish the regular season 7-7-4, before falling to eventual sectional finalist Arlington in the first round of the Division 2 North Tournament.

"That was phenomenal. We were sinking, and then we changed a lot of things. We changed positions, and kids that were on the bench became starters," Shawsheen coach Tom Severo said. "We switched everything up, and the kids stuck together and it was amazing that we qualified for the state tournament. It was just a fabulous end to the year."

Unfortunately of course, all of last year's success and momentum does not carry over to this season, a fact that Severo knows better than anyone, with the Rams losing 11 players to graduation off of last year's tournament squad.

Entering his fifth year coaching at Shawsheen, Severo is heading into his 35th year overall after a legendary career at Billerica High, and he knows he had a special group of players last season that will be hard to replace.

"It's very tough to replace so many quality kids, and what proves it is what we did last year. That was a very difficult thing to do, because it is hard to turn the ship around," Severo said.

"If you start off 4-0 and are playing well, it is easy to have a good year, but when you have such a poor start, it is hard to turn it around, but they did it and it is because they believed in each other and were very coachable, so it is very hard to replace so many of them."

But while Severo knows it will be difficult to replace such a talented and focused group of players, he is not ready to give up on this season. He knows that despite the heavy losses, he brings back a talented core of players, many of whom were keys to the team's mid season turnaround. The Rams goals have not changed at all from last season to this season.

"The goal is always the same. Get better every game and try to win one game, and that one game is the next game that you are playing," Severo said. "Our hopes are high. We take it one game at a time. We try to win today's game, never mind what happened last week, or what is going to happen next week, you try your best to win that game, and once that is over, you move on. We hope to do well, and I think we can."

A big part of the reason for Severo's optimism is a talented group of seniors that he brings back to the team. Midfielders Gavin Pigott and Jose Cruz, along with strikers Jared Rizzo of Tewksbury and Jason Myers will power the Rams offense, while Mike Reppucci of Tewksbury will return for his fourth season in net, giving the Rams some security at one of the game's most important positions.

Rizzo seemingly came out of nowhere last season to be one of the Rams best players in the second half of the season and Severo is looking for more of the same this season.

"Jared was on the JV team as a sophomore and didn't get a lot of playing time, and then last year at the beginning of the year, he wasn't

seeing a lot of playing time either, but he was one of the people that helped turn the thing around," Severo said. "What we did was, we went to one striker, and changed our formation and that one striker was Jared, and he caught fire."

Severo remembers one game in particular where Rizzo had one of the biggest plays of the season to keep the Rams second half surge going.

"We played Lynn Tech last year late in the season in a game that was a must win for us. It was scoreless late in the game, and someone put a ball way over the top and sent Jared on a breakaway, and Jared beat the defender," Severo said. "He went past him going about a hundred miles per hour. I have never seen a kid control a ball running that fast, and then he got off a blistering shot to score the goal to put us up 1-0. We won the game, and that was a big part of our run. We are looking for more of that this year."

Rizzo, along with the other senior captains, will certainly be a big key to the Rams success this season, but there will perhaps be no more important player than Reppucci in net. Always an important member of the team, Reppucci's value is higher than ever this season with a mostly inexperienced squad in front of him.

"Mike is a phenomenal goalie. He becomes that much more important for us. If we had to have a new goalie as well, that could be a recipe for disaster," Severo said. "But having him back gives us a lot of confidence, along with some other experienced players, so we hope to build around them."

Other key players for the Rams will include junior midfielder Dan Archibald, junior fullback Matt Pustizzi, sophomore midfielder Tyler Archibald, sophomore fullback Joe Hansen and freshman midfielder Elias Flaounis.

Pigott, Myers, Reppucci and Cruz will serve as the Rams quad captains, and Severo has been very pleased with their leadership in the early days of the season.

"They have been great leaders for us. Practice starts at 7:00 a.m., and they have been here every day at 6:30," Severo said. "Like all coaches, I feel like if you are early you are on time, and if you are on time you are late, and these guys set a great example for the other kids on the team."

"They put a little pressure on me though, because I have to make sure I beat them here," Severo added with a laugh.

That leadership and extra effort will be needed, this season when the Rams go up against a very challenging CAC Upper Division schedule.

"Chelsea is always going to be good, Northeast is one of the best teams around, Mystic Valley was ranked in the top 20 in the Globe last year, and they have been just phenomenal the past few years," Severo said. "And then you have Greater Lowell, and I think every game we have played against them since I have been here has been a 1-0 or 0-0 game. We are in a very competitive league."

However the season goes, one thing that is certain is that Severo is thrilled with his second coaching career at Shawsheen Tech.

"Coaching here is a dream. Everyone at this school goes out of their way to make things easy for the coaches and make it a great experience for the kids. Al Costabile is just phenomenal. The atmosphere is just great. I loved my time in Billerica, but I am in heaven here."



The Wilmington residents on this year's Shawsheen Tech Boys Soccer team includes front row from left, Kevin Stevens, Joey McLaren, Johann Ferrer, Ryan Santii, and Xavier Airoso, and back row from left, Jake Glinner, Jason Moore, Joe Hansen, Tyler Newhouse, Devin Almeida, Mike Broderick, and Derek Costello. (photo by JoeBrownphotos.com).



## Golfers have drive to keep streak going

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BILLERICA -- The rest of the Commonwealth Athletic Conference might be getting a little sick of it, but the Shawsheen Tech Golf team is showing no signs of letting up in their dominance of the league, capturing their 13th straight league title last season on the strength of a 7-1 league record, and a 7-6 overall record. The Rams also won the CAC Championship Tournament.

This most recent title was not as easily gained as some of the others for the Rams, as they shared the title with Essex Tech, but in some ways it might have been even more impressive than some of the years when they were so dominant that they weren't even challenged for the title.

After losing to Essex early in the season, the Rams were in danger of seeing their streak of title come to an end, but with the season winding down, they beat Essex in the rematch to pull even in the league and secure a tie for the title.

"Essex Tech has a lot of great athletes and they are getting better every year," Shawsheen coach Tom Struthers said. "Last year was a tough one, and I can see this year could be even tougher, because they are going to be very good again. I was proud of the way the kids responded with a big win at the end of the year."

The question for Struthers, who has won the league title in each of his 13 years as coach of the Rams, is whether they can do it again. Can they make it 14 in a row this season?

"I really hope so. This year kind of reminds me of my first year coaching the team, except we don't have a DJ. Shepherd or Brandon Porter on this team like we did that year," Struthers said. "It could be more of a teaching season this year, but it looks like we have eight players who can contribute and we are getting better with every practice."

The Rams will have to shoot for that 14th straight title without the services of several key players lost to graduation, including Kyle Preble of Tewksbury, Zach Carpenter and captain Chris Galinos among others, but Struthers remains confident in his team, at least in part because of this year's team captain, senior Cam LaRue, who will take over the number one spot in the Rams lineup.

"Cam has been a great captain for us so far," Struthers said. "He knows there is pressure on him and



Steve O'Connor of Wilmington is a member of the Shawsheen Tech Golf team. (courtesy photo).

he is willing to accept the challenge. All of the kids are behind him and support him. Nobody wants to be part of the team that sees this come to an end, and Cam is a perfect young man to lead us."

Another top player for the Rams will be sophomore Sean Murphy of Tewksbury. Murphy is new to the team, but Struthers has already been happy with what he has seen.

"Sean will probably be our number two," Struthers said. "He has been averaging 43 or 44 in practice. He is a nice kid and he has a great swing. Hopefully he will have a good year for us and then we are looking forward to having him for another couple of years."

Another sophomore, Nolan Rexford will hold down the number three position for the Rams after seeing limited playing time with the team last season.

"Nolan was good last year, but he was just caught in a numbers game with so many seniors," Struthers said. "He understands what it takes to play in varsity matches and he will be a very good number three for us."

Junior Brady McFadden of Tewksbury will hold down the number four spot for the

Rams, and Struthers sees some great potential for him in the middle of the Rams lineup.

"He was with us last year and he had some good matches for us," Struthers said. "He is growing up and becoming more mature. I think he will settle down and start to believe in himself. If has the same belief in himself that I have in him, he will be a very good player."

Junior Andre Comeau will play from the number five spot for the Rams, while Adam Sullivan will compete at number six. The final two starting spots are still up for grabs, with several players competing for a spot in the lineup on a weekly basis, including sophomores Connor Preble of Tewksbury and Stevie O'Connor of Wilmington.

While they will be shooting to continue their dominance of the league on the course, Struthers is confident that that one area they will definitely continue to excel is the character of the players on his roster.

"I am really looking forward to seeing how we can do," Struthers said. "I have always been blessed that I have always had just the greatest group of kids on our team, and this year is more of the same."

## Rams Volleyball team will dig deeper this season for more wins

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attitude that we want all of the players to have. She has also become a phenomenal middle hitter. She is going to score a lot of points for us."

Two other key players for the Lady Rams will be a pair of Tewksbury residents, senior libero Marissa Brangiforte and senior middle hitter Christa Davis.

"Marissa is very smart and she has a very high volleyball IQ. She knows the game inside and out, and that is what makes her a great libero, because she can guide the other defensive players," DeMarco said. "Christa is going to put up some big blocks for us this year and she is also going to be a big contributor when it comes to kill. She is another one who is going to score a lot of points for us this year."

Two other returning players from last year's team will be senior utility player Cassidy Bulmer and senior left hitter Brooke Johnson.

"I can put Cassidy in almost any position. I am very confident in her to make a play. I want her on the court as much as possible," DeMarco said. "And

Brooke is going to play all game for us. Just like Cassidy, when the ball comes to her, I am confident she can do the job for us. She is very focused and she is very smart about where she puts the ball."

Junior setter Deanna Goguen will fill a key role for the Lady Rams, and will be relied on heavily by DeMarco and her teammates.

"She is the only setter on the court, so we will really depend on her," DeMarco said. "She has improved dramatically over the summer. I am confident she will do her job well this year. She is doing a great job moving the ball around, which will make us a stronger team."

Other key players for Shawsheen will include senior left hitter Maggie Majeski, junior libero Brooke Bicknell, junior hitter Allison MacEachern, junior outside hitter Shauna Nolan, junior middle hitter Ally Haley of Tewksbury and sophomore libero Sophia Rego of Wilmington.

Haley and Rego will be a

big part of Shawsheen's success this season.

"Ally is going to be an important player for us coming off the bench. She will contribute wherever we need her," DeMarco said. "Sofia is what every volleyball coach wants in a player. She works hard and she has a great passion for the game. She has improved tremendously over the summer and will be our top passer this season."

With a group of players ready to hit the ground running, DeMarco is confident that her team can make a run at the state tournament this season, even while competing in a challenging CAC Upper Division.

"Mystic Valley is always very good and Essex Tech, Whittier and Greater Lowell will all be good," DeMarco said. "But our goal is to qualify for the tournament. I think every game will be a battle, but I feel like with the chemistry of the team and the passion the girls have for volleyball, it will lead them to a winning season."

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